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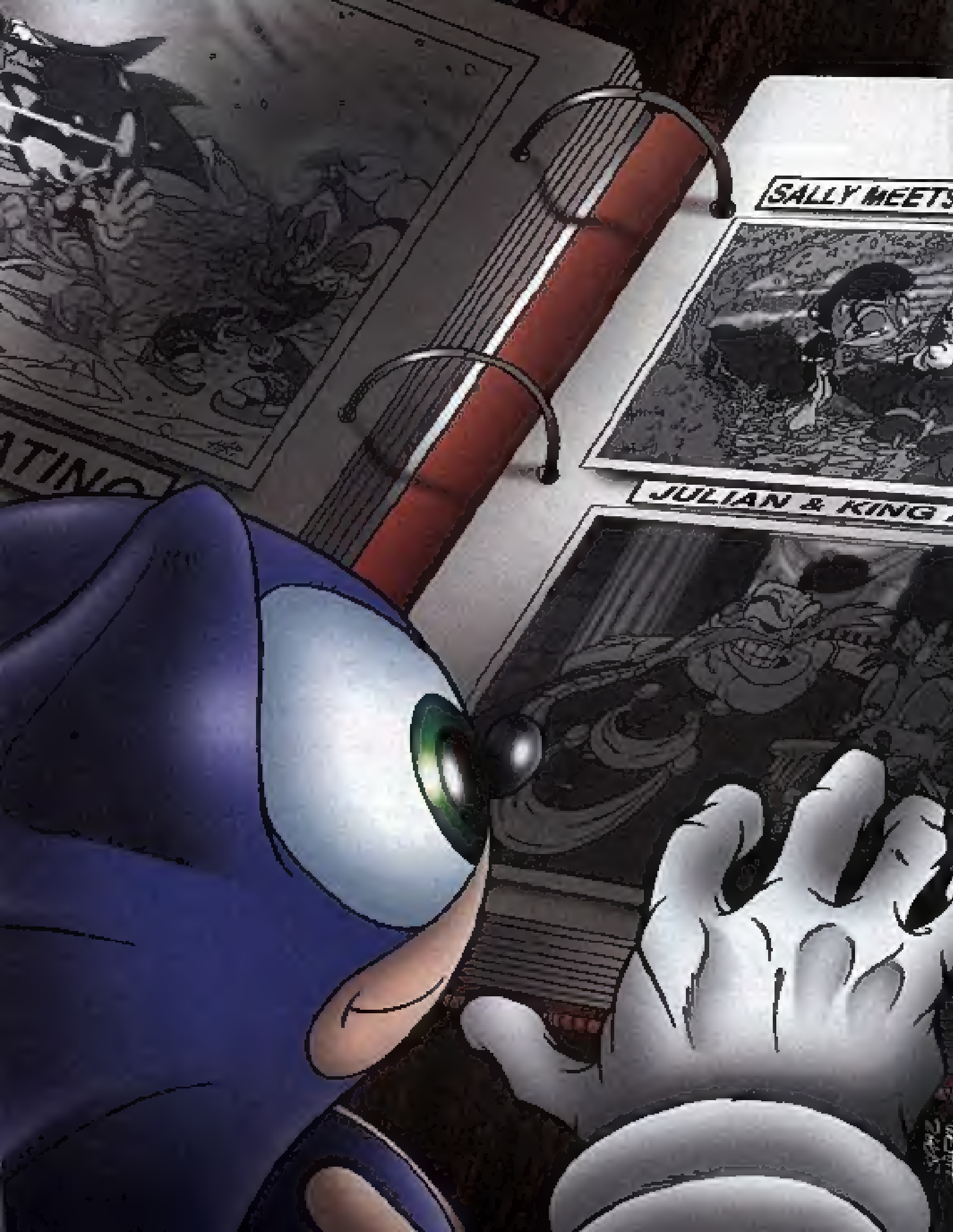
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PART ONE

ONE WINTER'S MORNING IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...

WE MAKE
A GREAT TEAM,
SONIC—SHOW DOUBT
ABOUT IT!

YOU BETCHA,
LITTLE BUDDY! I JUST
KEEP SPYNNING THOSE
TAILS 'TIL ANTOINE
CRIES "UNCLE!"

ALORS!
ZIS IS MY
WATERLOO!

YOU'RE A
WIZARD WHEN IT
COMES TO
BUILDING THINGS,
BOOMER!

THANKS, PRINCESS...
BUT CALL ME ROTOR. I'M
GETTIN' TOO OLD
TO BE CALLED BOOMER
ANYMORE.

**BOMBS
AWAY!**



* E.P. NOTE: MEANING "NANNY" IN FRENCH--FRENCHING GARDIE



PRINCESS SALLY,
I WOULD THINK YOU'D
KNOW BETTER.

I KNOW,
ROSIE...
I GUESS I'M
SORRY.



I WAS JUST A LITTLE
PLAYING WITH MY FRIENDS
I HOPE TO KEEP FROM TH-
THINKING ABOUT--D-D-D-DEAD
... I HOOD-HOO-HOO! E

AH, THERE
NOW, MY DEAR... I'M
SORRY IF I LOST
MY TEMPER...

AND WE'RE
SORRY TOO,
ROOSIE...

BACK UP,
SALLY--WE'RE
WITH YOU ALL
THE WAY!



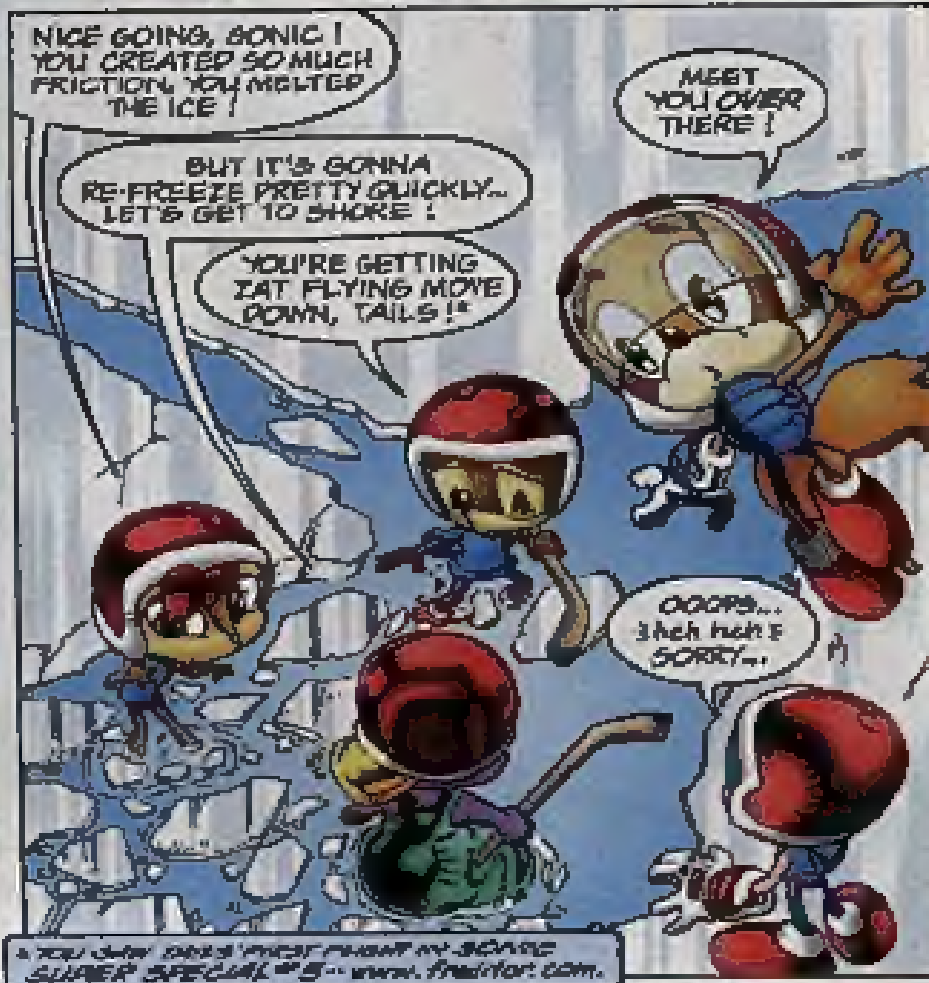
TH-THANKS!
I GUESS YOU'RE
SUN-SUCH GOOD
FRIENDS!

AHA...
I'VE GOT AN
IDEA!



I'M SURE THE POND
BY THE OLD WISHING WELL
IS FROZEN OVER. WHY
DON'T YOU GO SKATING? I
'LL BRING A SNACK DOWN
LATER, OKAY?

OKAY!



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SHE WILL SOON.

WELL, I NEED A DRINK OF WATER!

* TRUE SONG CREW QUESTION: WHEN WAS THE FIRST TIME WE SAW SONG AT THE WELL? FIRST TEN CORRECT REPLIES WILL BE IN SONG-GRAND -- JTG

SAMANTHA!! THIS THING IS FROZEN— GIMME A HAND, BOOM BOK!

COMING--

WAAAAH! C'MON— PUT YOUR WEIGHT INTO IT!

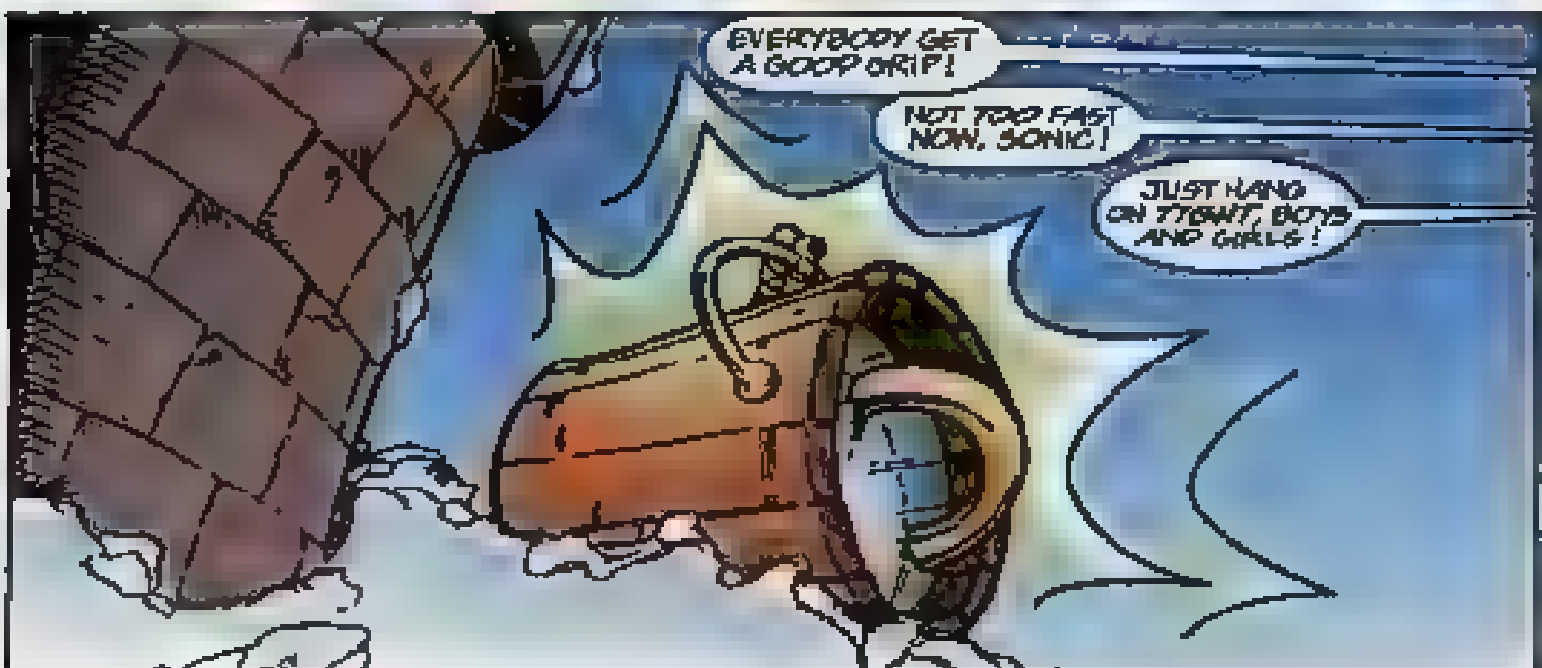
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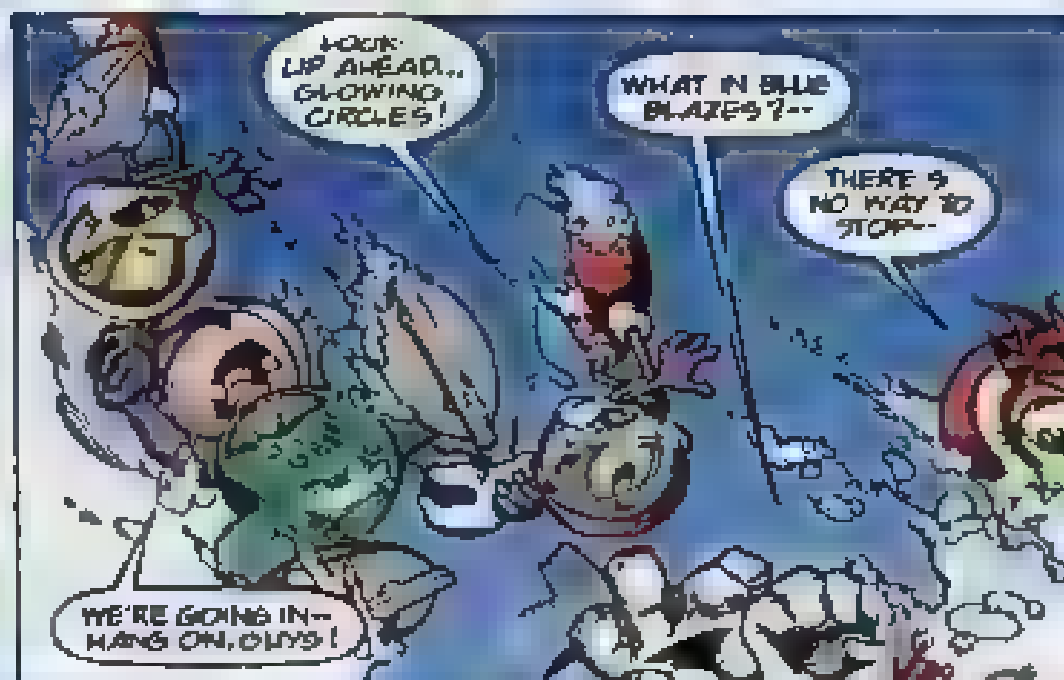
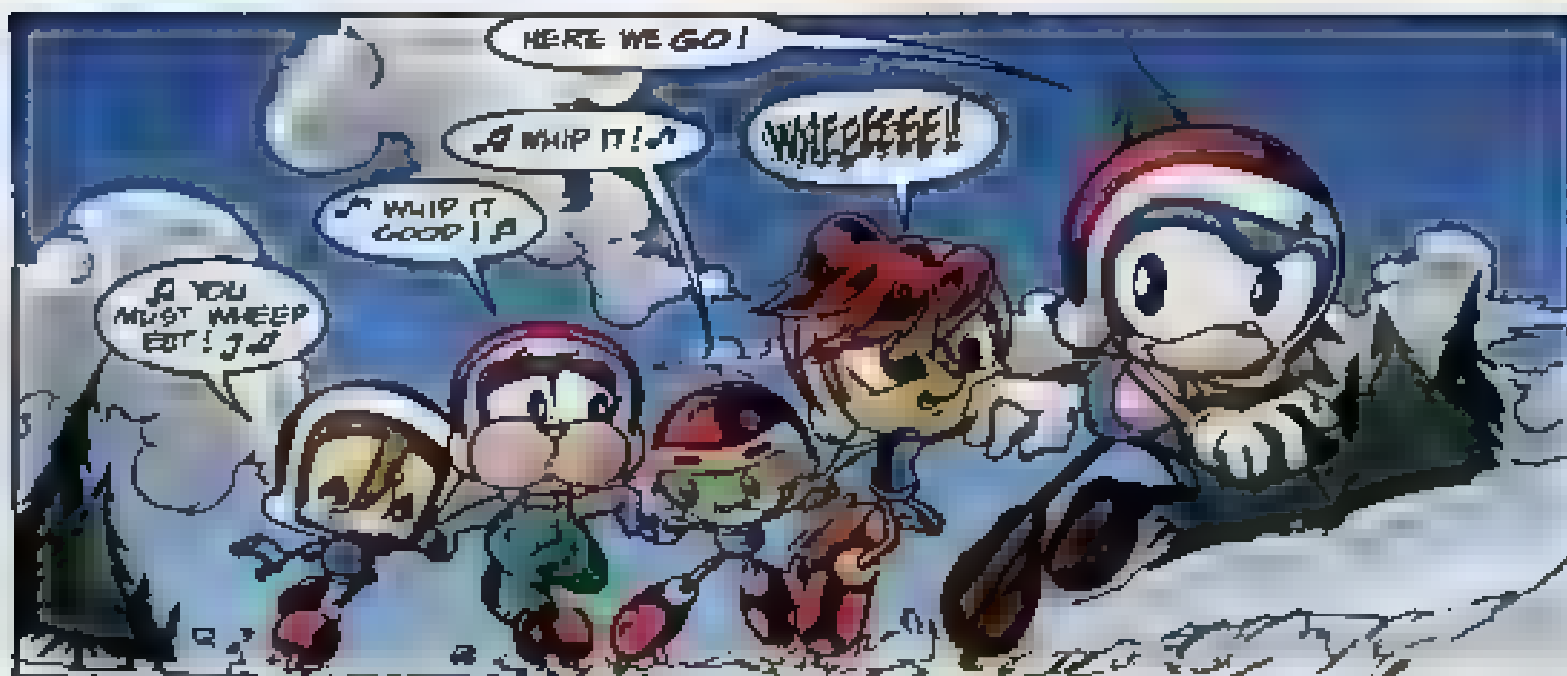
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AAAGH! DON'T PUT YOUR WEIGHT ONTO ME!

IT'S LOOSE!

TRUD







JEPPERS!
WHERE AM
I?



OH-OH!
WHEREVER
IT IS I'VE
ARRIVED!

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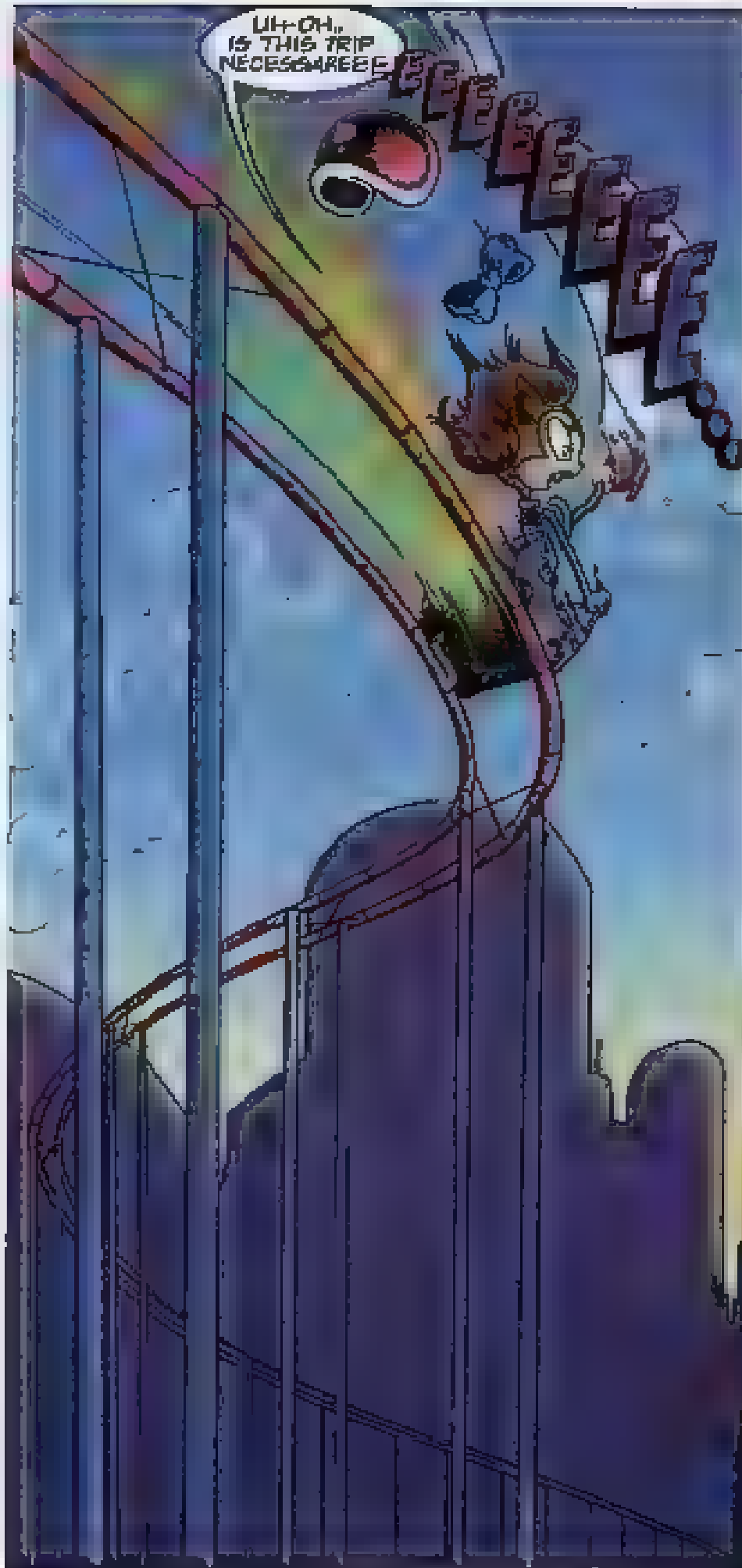
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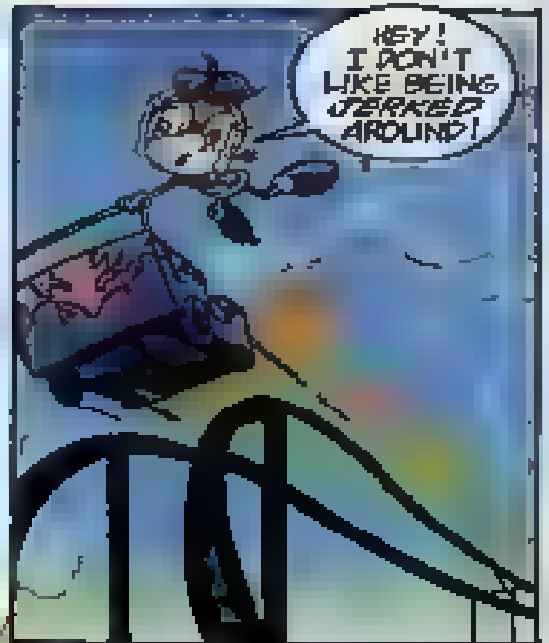
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UH-OH,
IS THIS TRIP
NECESSARY?



WHOA!
IT ALMOST
THREW
ME!



HEY!
I DON'T
LIKE BEING
JERKED
AROUND!

I'M PRINCESS SALLY ACORN...
I MAY BE THE NEW RULER OF MOEBIUS
A LOT SOONER THAN I EXPECTED!
I'VE GOT TO GET A GRIP ON MY
SITUATION AND FAST!



THERE!
THAT'S
BETTER...
JULAYLA
TAUGHT ME
THAT A
LEADER
NEEDS TO
MAINTAIN
CONTROL
AT ALL
TIMES!

Where is
THAT SOMETHING
ON THE
HORIZON?

IT LOOKS
LIKE... NO -
IT COULDN'T
BE!

DADDY!
IT IS YOU!

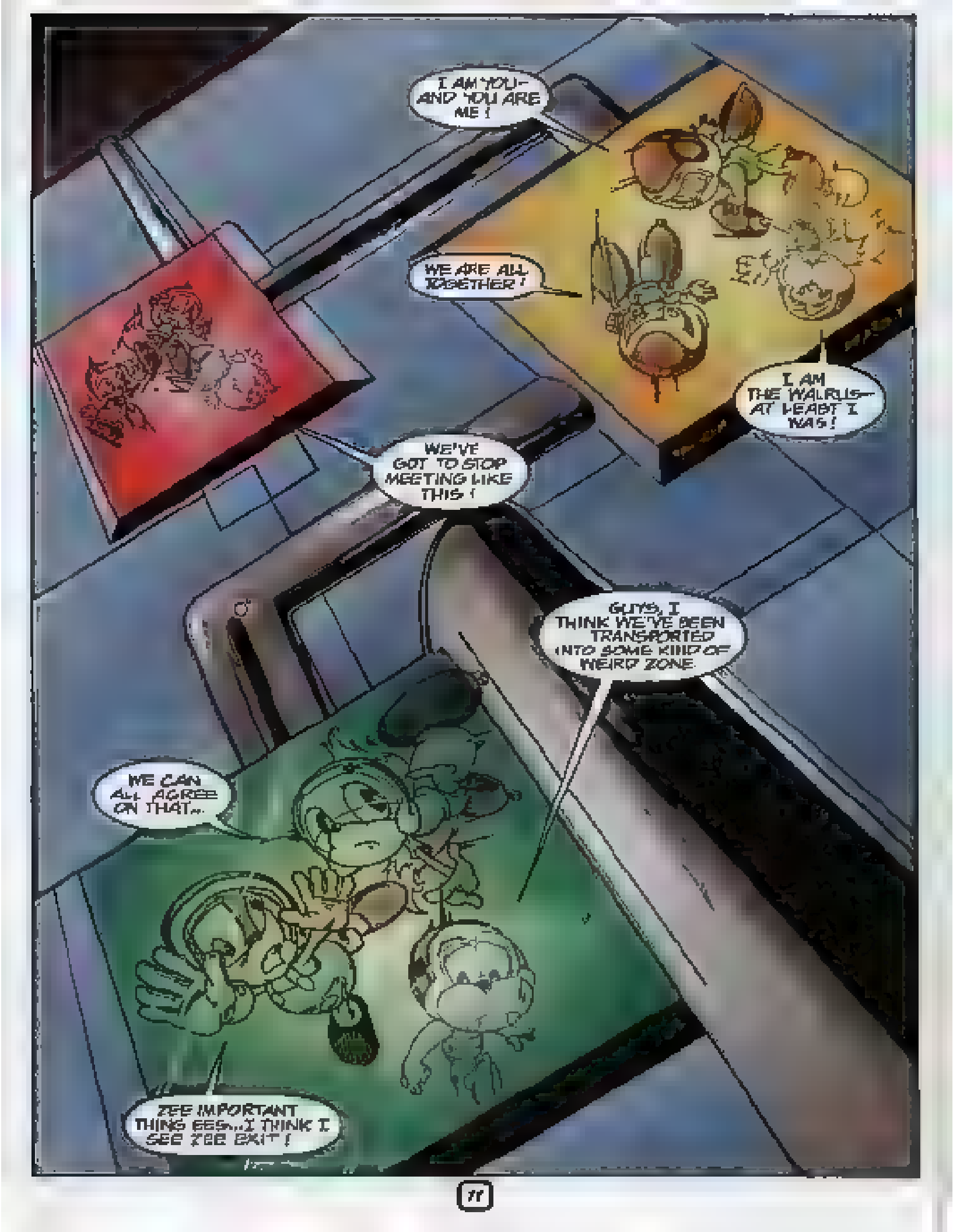
* JULAYLA IS GALT'S
TUTOR. SEEN ELSEWHERE
IN THIS ISSUE. DUTY FOR.

DADDY! WHY IS
YOUR FACE MADE OUT
OF GREEN CRYSTAL?
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
PLEASE ANSWER
ME!

MY WHOLE WORLD
IS SHATTERED!

BUT IT'S MY
DUTY TO CARRY ON
AND DO MY BEST!

I HOPE
THAT MY FELLOW
"FREEDOM FIGHTERS"
AND I ARE UP TO THE
CHALLENGE!



I AM YOU-
AND YOU ARE
ME!

WE ARE ALL
TOGETHER!

I AM
THE WALRUS-
AT LEAST I
WAS!

WE'VE
GOT TO STOP
MEETING LIKE
THIS!

GUYS, I
THINK WE'VE BEEN
TRANSPORTED
INTO SOME KIND OF
WEIRD ZONE.

WE CAN
ALL AGREE
ON THAT...

ZEE IMPORTANT
THING EES...I THINK I
SEE ZEE EXIT!

COMING

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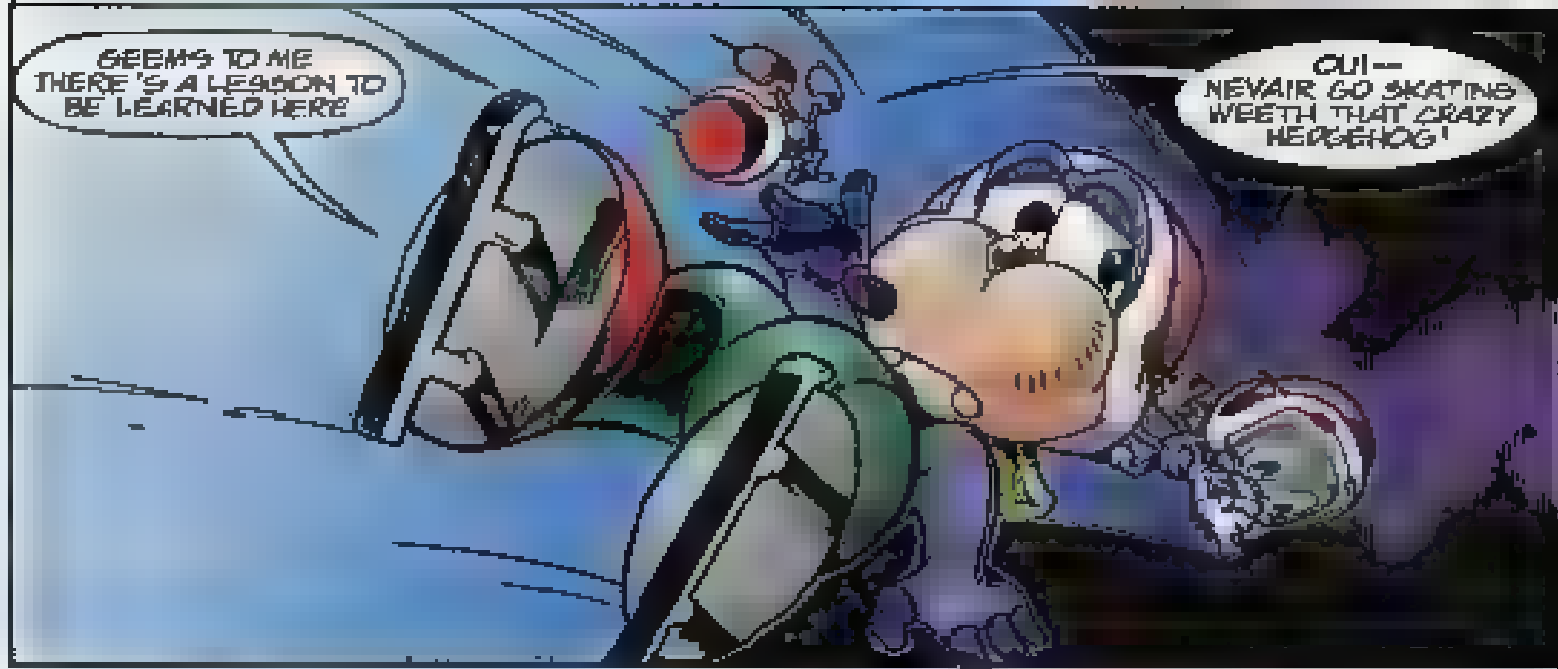
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SOON!



SEEMS TO ME
THERE'S A LESSON TO
BE LEARNED HERE

OUI—
NEVAIR GO SKATING
WEETH THAT CRAZY
HEDGEHOG!



NO, DOOMER'S RIGHT—I MEAN,
ROTOR'S RIGHT! DON'T YOU SEE? EVEN
THOUGH WE GOT ALL SCRAMBLED UP,
WE STUCK TOGETHER AND MADE IT
AS A TEAM! I THINK IT'S SOME
KIND OF A SIGN!



THE YOUNG
CHOSEN ONE
DISPLAYS
INSIGHT.

INDEED
OUR PATHS WILL
CROSS BEFORE
LONG.

BUT FOR NOW
THE ANCIENT WALK
CONTINUES...*

I
WONDER WHAT
HAPPENED TO
SONIC T

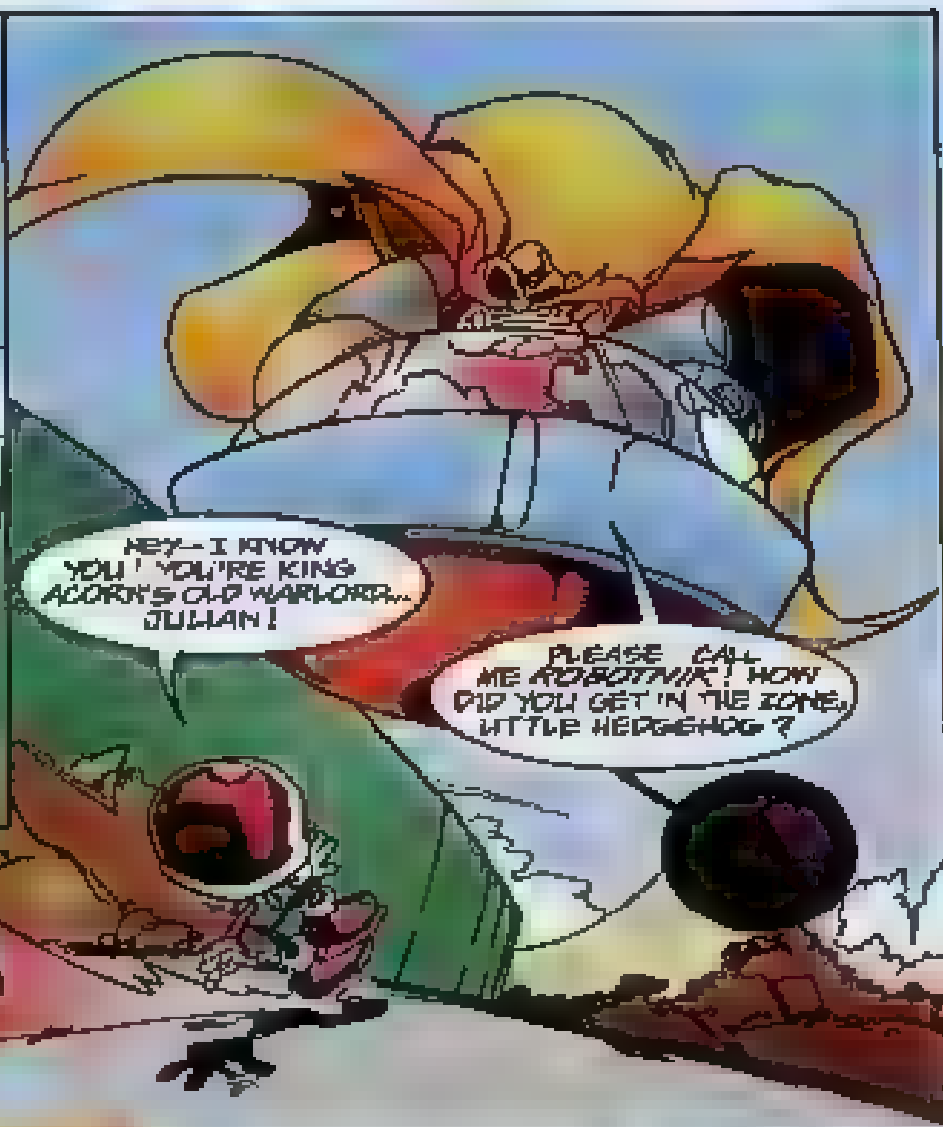
* YOU RECOGNIZE THE ANCIENT WALKER?
DON'T! WELL THEY FIRST APPEARED IN
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MEGA-RAD!
I'VE BEEN PULLED
INSIDE A ZONE! WHAT
NONE OF MY FRIENDS KNOW
IS THAT I'VE BEEN IN ONE
BEFORE WITH RAY THE
SQUIRREL AND MIGHTY THE
ARMADILLO!

* SONIC "COMPLETISTS" KNOW THAT THIS OCCURRED IN THE SONIC ARCADE GAME
GONE TO SEE IT SERIALIZED IN A GAME BOOK SHORTLY LOOK FOR IT IN KNIKATES #26! - 315

THIS ZONE
LOOKS BRAND NEW.
IN FACT,
IT'S STILL UNDER
CONSTRUCTION!

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM
THESE RINGS, I'LL BET I CAN
FIND THE ACTUAL CREATOR OF
THIS NUTTY PLACE AND SEE
HOW IT'S DONE!





HERE'S SOMETHING I'VE
BEEN WORKING ON... I CALL IT
MY "SONIC SPIN!"

DON'T DELAY ME, YOU
BLUE BOOB! I WAS JUST
ABOUT TO ENCOUNTER THE
ZONE'S CREATIVE FORCE!
IT'S A PRIMAL SOURCE
OF POWER THAT MUST
BE MINE

NO—STOP! DON'T!
YOU'VE DAMAGED THE
HYPER-DRIVE! IT'S
OVERLOADING!

CHINKA

BOOOOM!

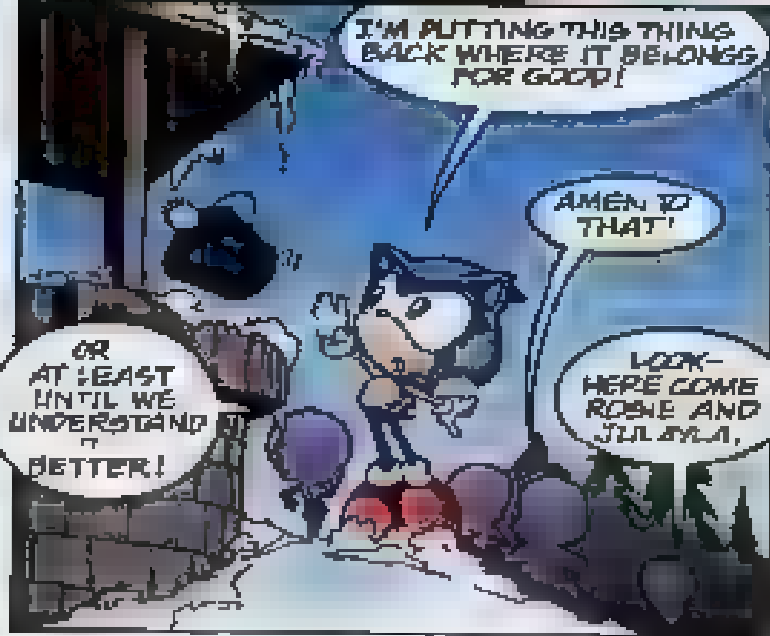
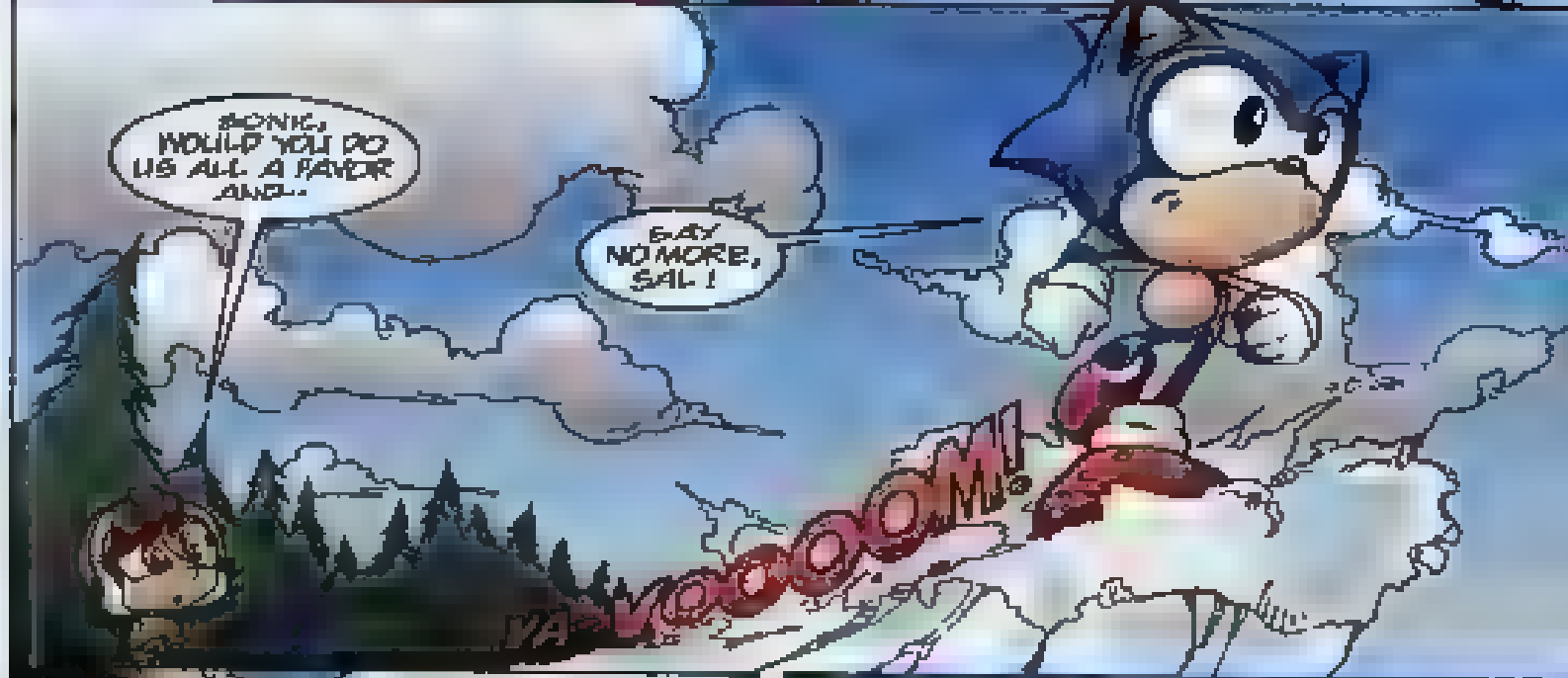
YOU KNOW, I'VE
BEEN RE-THINKING THAT
IDEA AND I DECIDED THAT
IT'S SOMETHING I'M NOT
SUPPOSED TO SEE...

AND IF I CAN'T
SEE IT, YOU SURE AREN'T
GOING TO!

I HATE
THAT LITTLE
HERSEHOB!

OKAY, I CAN
TAKE A HINT... I
KNOW WHEN I'M
NOT WANTED!

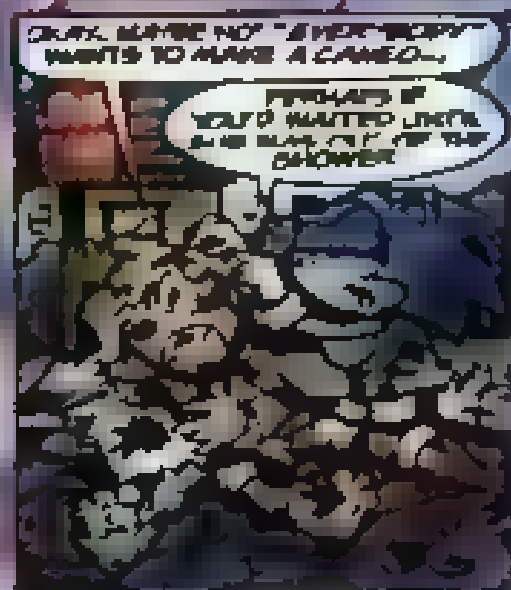
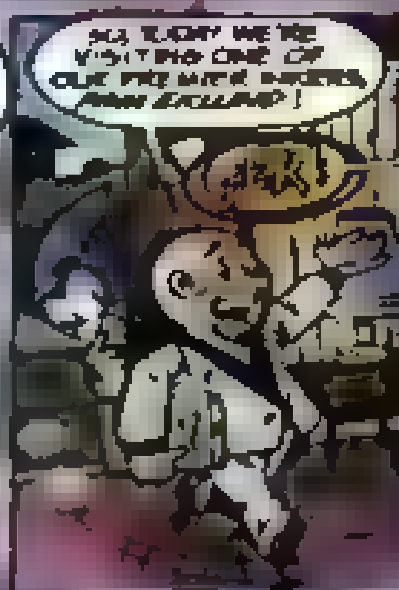
AND I ALSO
KNOW WHAT I WANT...
AND THAT'S OUT
OF HERE!



THE END

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OFF PANEL By Gallagher and Manak

As you can see from the comic strip above, Pam's pretty tough. You can only imagine how scared I was when I did one of my beloved mooks of the month — which was giving credit to what Jim Deaneh for two episodes Pam Elland introduced. They were the comic story "Busting On Empty" and Monkey Khan's solo story Jerry. Pam gave places don't hold me up too much!

Such that said, I'd like to bring a spotlight on next issue's month in SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #10 "Crossover Chaos," on sale early July 1) From a story that begins in Sabrina the Teenage Witch # 8, Sonic has been mind-controlled by a witch known as The Enchantress. With revenge in mind, she phasically lands out of his world and drops him into Sabrina's town of Winthrop to wreak unspeakable havoc. But don't fret, Princess Sally follows him through the portal to team-up with Sabrina and try to reverse the harm. Or so it can last! Story by Michael Gallagher with art by Dave Manak and Dan DeCarlo. 2) Evil Sonic is on the loose again as he returns all the pieces of Green Spire (last seen way back in SONIC #69 "Night of 1000 Hellsprings") from different dimensions! Sonic. Our Sonic heads him off at the post in an alternate zone where he teams up with the characters from SONIC UNDEGROUND (based on the cartoon in syndication form).

Story by Matt Baker with art by Jim Valentino and Marvel!

So until next time

Catch you on the flip side!

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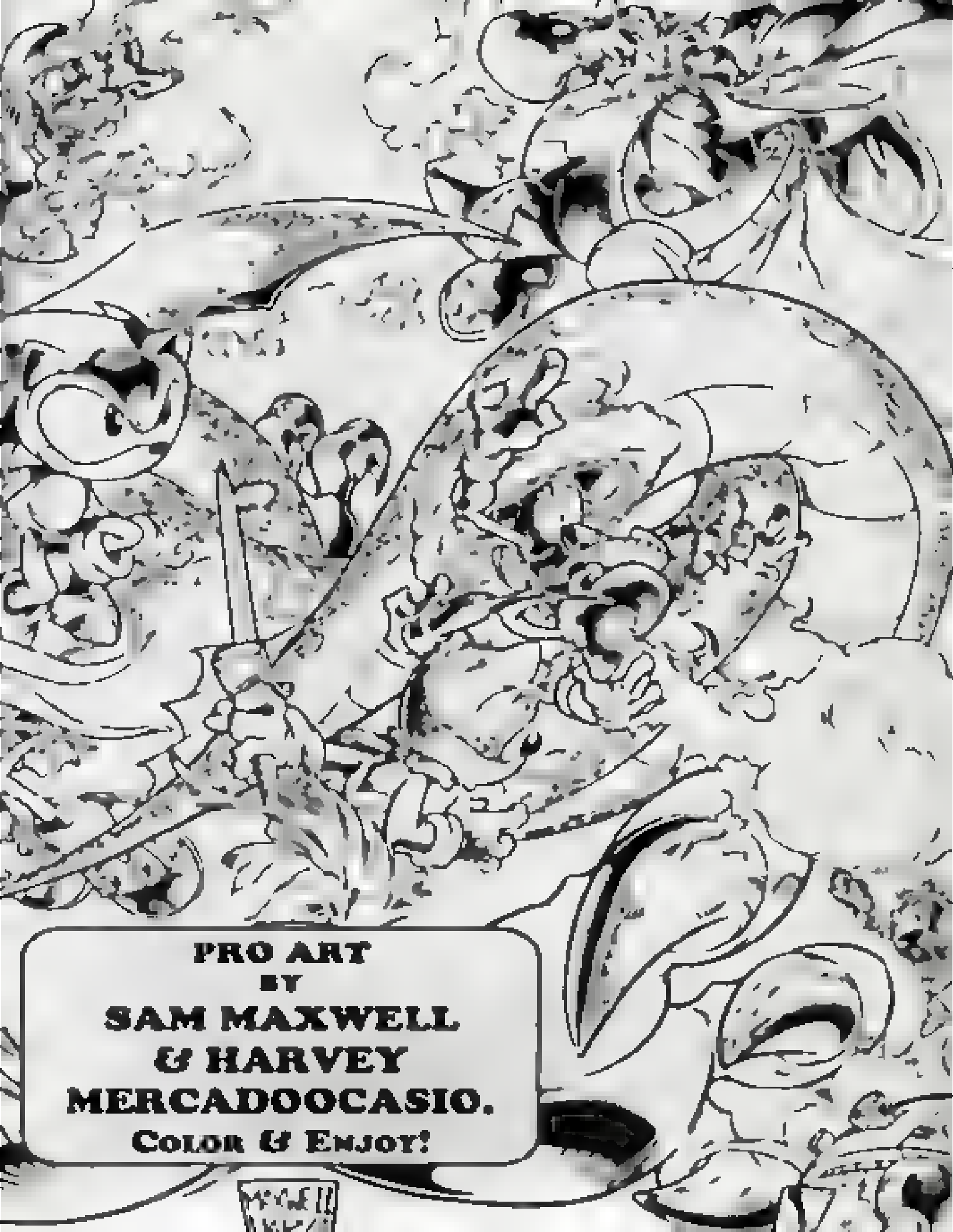
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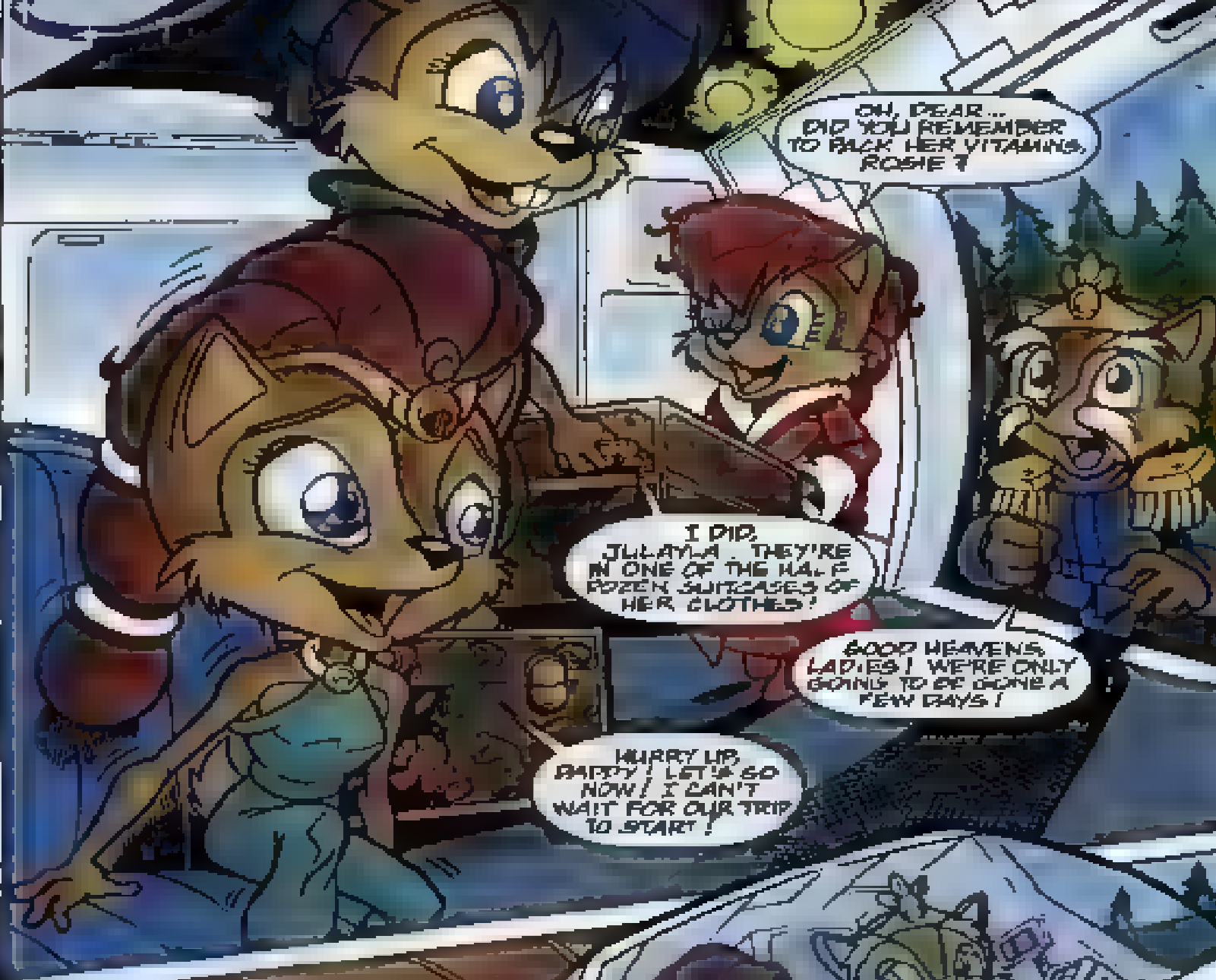
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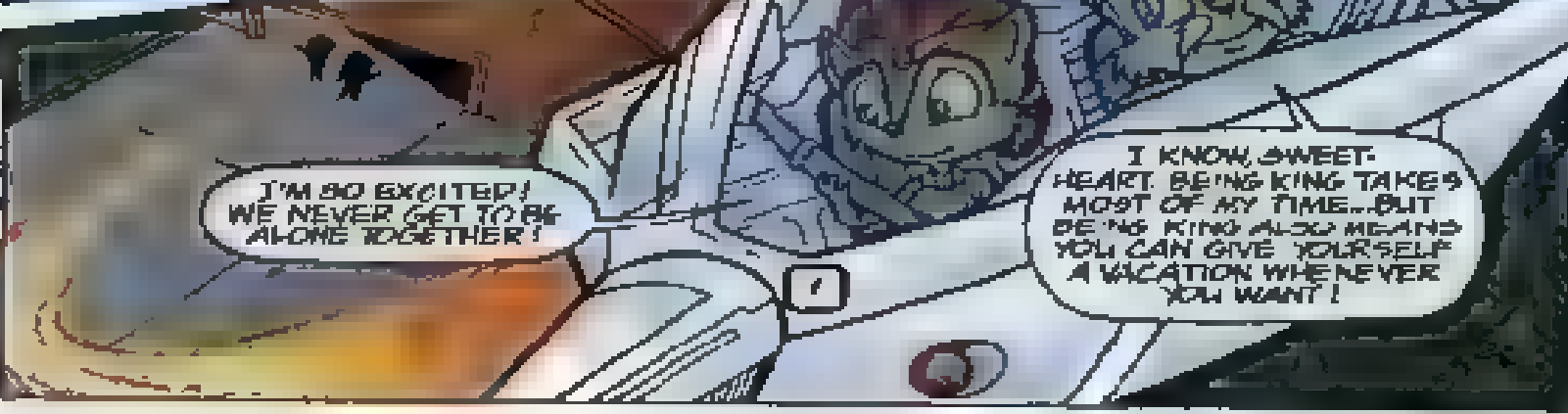


OH, DEAR... DID YOU REMEMBER TO PACK HER VITAMINS, ROSIE?

I DID, JULAYLA. THEY'RE IN ONE OF THE HALF DOZEN SUITCASES OF HER CLOTHES!

GOOD HEAVENS, LADIES! WE'RE ONLY GOING TO BE GONE A FEW DAYS!

HURRY UP, BARTY! LET'S GO NOW! I CAN'T WAIT FOR OUR TRIP TO START!



I'M SO EXCITED! WE NEVER GET TO BE ALONE TOGETHER!

I KNOW, SWEET-HEART. BEING KING TAKES MOST OF MY TIME... BUT BEING KING ALSO MEANS YOU CAN GIVE YOURSELF A VACATION WHENEVER YOU WANT!

SOME TIME LATER...

AWA—I NEEDED TO
GET AWAY. IT'S BEEN SO
BUSY LATELY... WARLORD JULIAN
AND HIS ODD LITTLE ASSISTANT,
SNIVELY... ALSO, SIR CHARLES'
INVENTIONS—

THAT'S MY
FRIEND SONIC'S
UNCLE!



BUT ENOUGH SHOP
TALK! LET'S DISCUSS
OUR VACATION.

YES!
WHERE ARE WE
GOING?

A SECRET
PLACE KNOWN
ONLY TO KINGS...
AND PERHAPS,
FUTURE
QUEENS!

THAT'S
IF ELIAS AND
ALICIA MET
WITH-- NO!
I CAN'T EVEN
THINK IT!

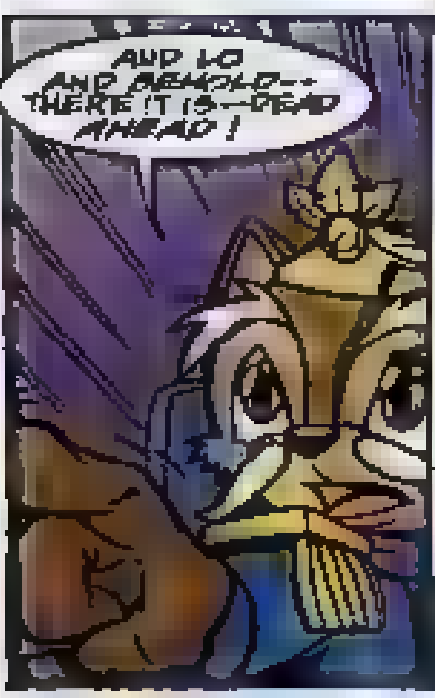
FOR
NOW, AT LEAST,
SALLY MUSTN'T
LEARN THE
TRUE REASON
FOR THIS TRIP!
SHE'S BEEN
THROUGH
ENOUGH

EVEN THE
COLONEL AND MRS.
JONHEARTSBY
CAN'T KNOW WE'RE
COMING!

ESPECIALLY
CONSIDERING
WHO I NEED
TO SEE!



AUD LO
AND BEHOLD--
THERE IT IS--READ
AHEAD!



OH
NOW!



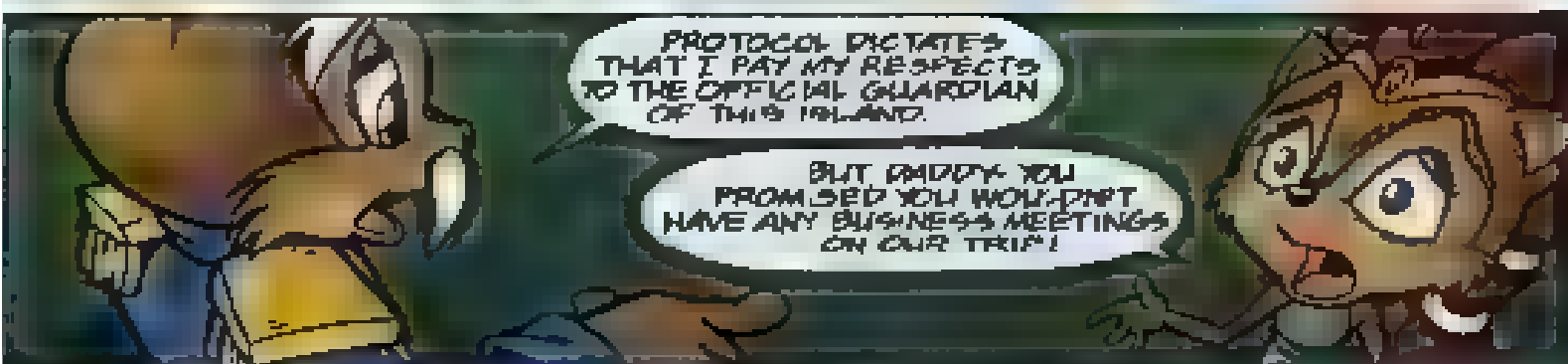
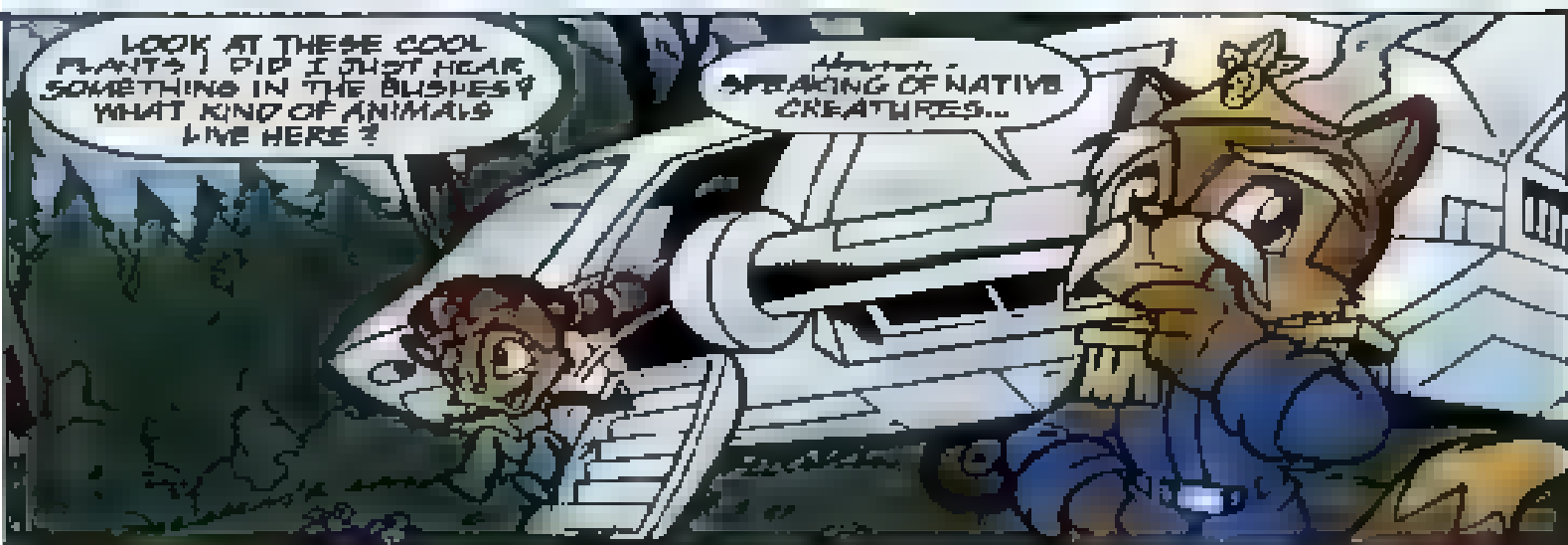
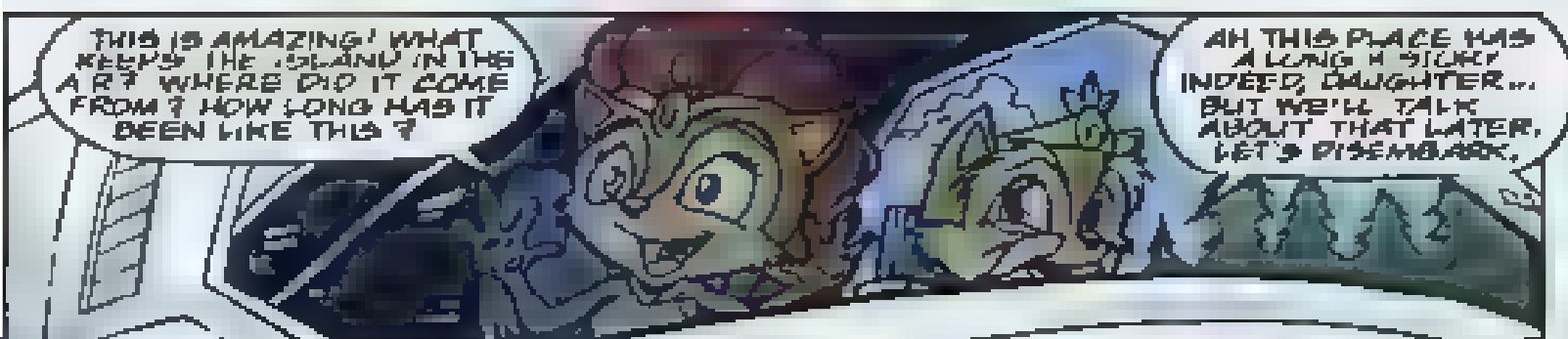


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IT--IT'S A
FLOATING
ISLAND!

EXACTLY! AND
WE'RE GOING TO SPEND
THE NEXT FEW DAYS
EXPLORING IT!



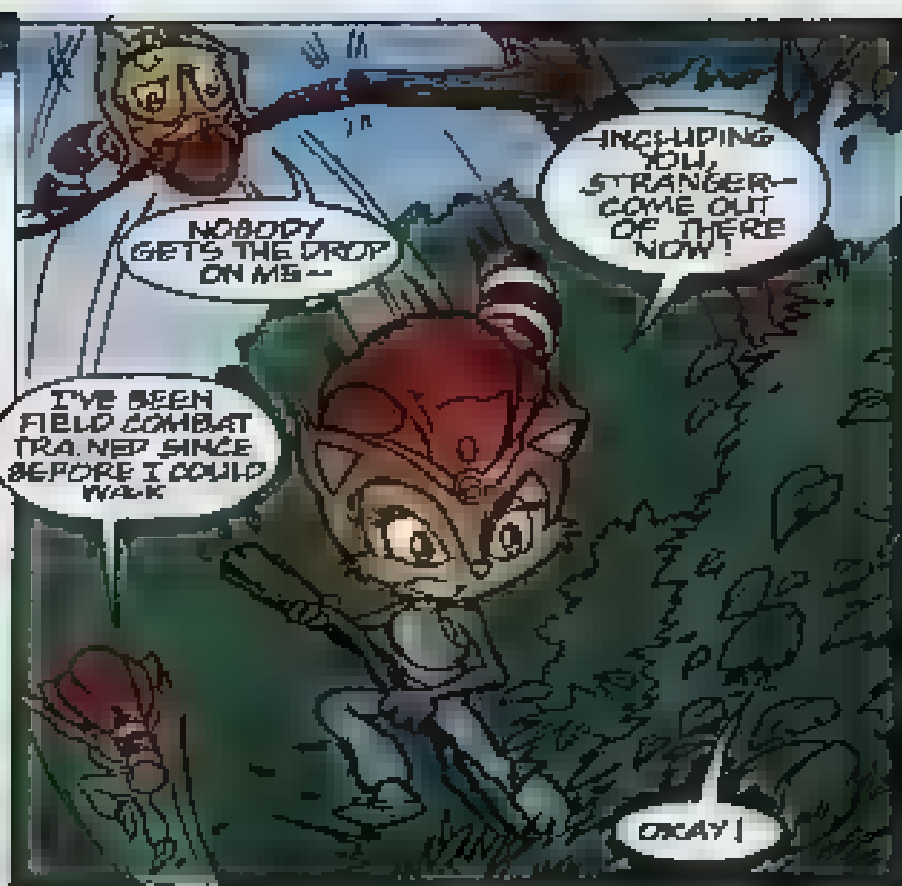
WHEW--
VISITORS!





HARUHPH! WHEN I'M IN CHARGE OF MOBIUS, I WON'T LET MY ROYAL DUTIES INTERFERE WITH HAVING FUN!

I ALSO WON'T LET SOMEONE OR SOMETHING SNEAK UP ON ME IN THE BUSHES.



NOBODY GETS THE DROP ON ME--

I'VE BEEN FIELD COMBAT TRAINED SINCE BEFORE I COULD WALK

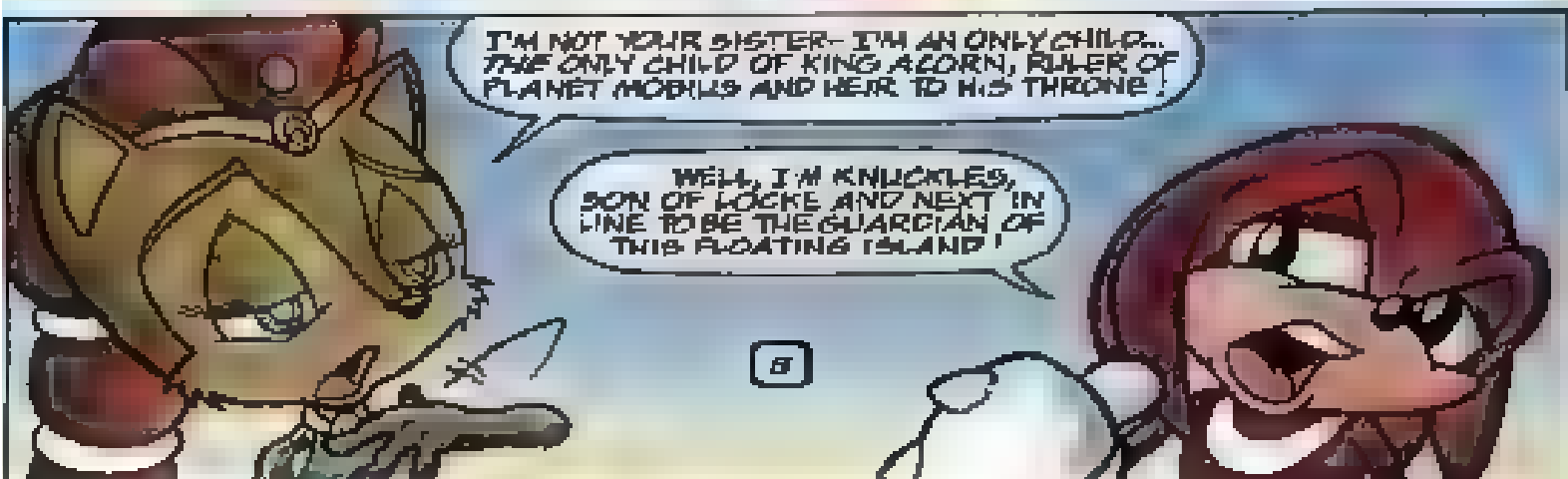
-INCLUDING YOU, STRANGER-- COME OUT OF THERE NOW!

ORAY!



WHO ARE YOU?

THAT'S FUNNY! I WAS ABOUT TO ASK YOU THE SAME QUESTION!



I'M NOT YOUR SISTER-- I'M AN ONLY CHILD-- THE ONLY CHILD OF KING ACORN, RULER OF PLANET MOBIUS AND HEIR TO HIS THRONE!

WELL, I'M KNUCKLES, SON OF LOCKE AND NEXT IN LINE TO BE THE GUARDIAN OF THIS FLOATING ISLAND!

REALIZING HOW MUCH THEY HAVE IN COMMON, PRINCESS SALLY AND KNUCKLES BECAME FAST FRIENDS.

SO, YOU'RE VIOLATING YOUR APPRENTICESHIP RULES BY JUST TALKING TO ME? THAT'S PRETTY STRICT. YOUR DUTIES SOUND ALMOST AS DIFFICULT AS MINE!

ARE YOU KIDDING? I'VE GOT IT MUCH TOUGHER. I DON'T GET TO GO ON FRIVOLOUS VACATIONS LIKE YOU!

OH, DON'T BE SILLY. YOU CAN'T COMPARE RULING THE WHOLE PLANET TO GUARDING THIS SILLY LITTLE ISLAND!

"SILLY LITTLE HET! WHO ARE YOU MOVING?"

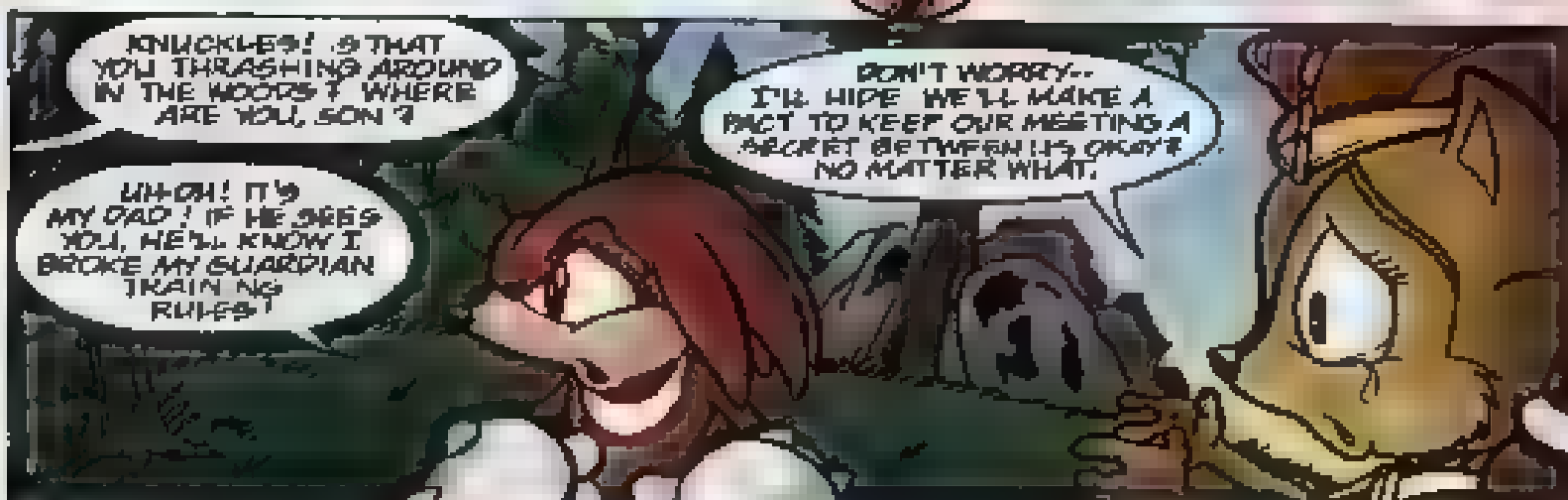
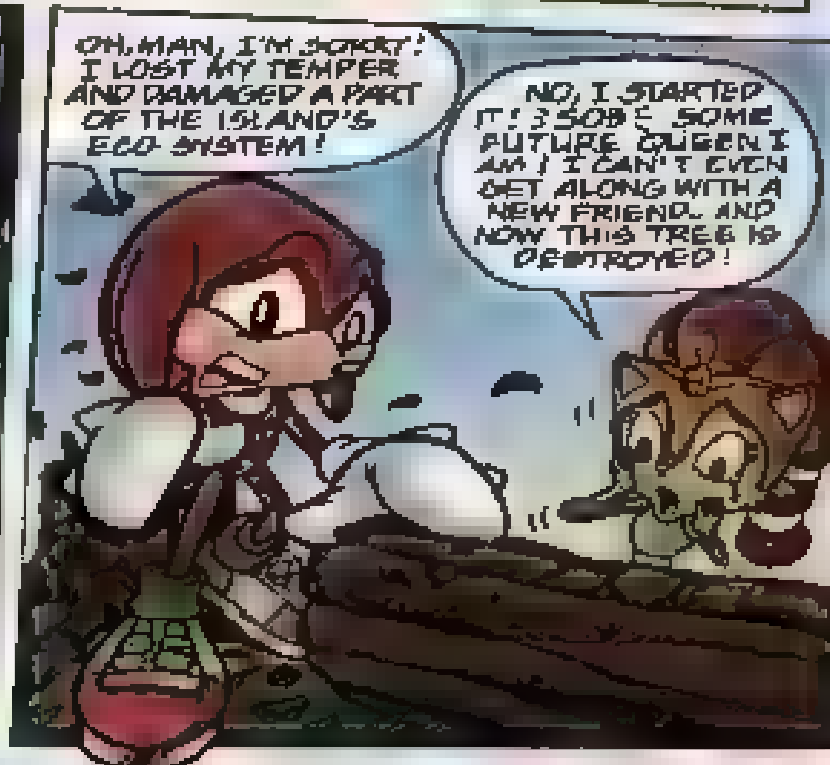
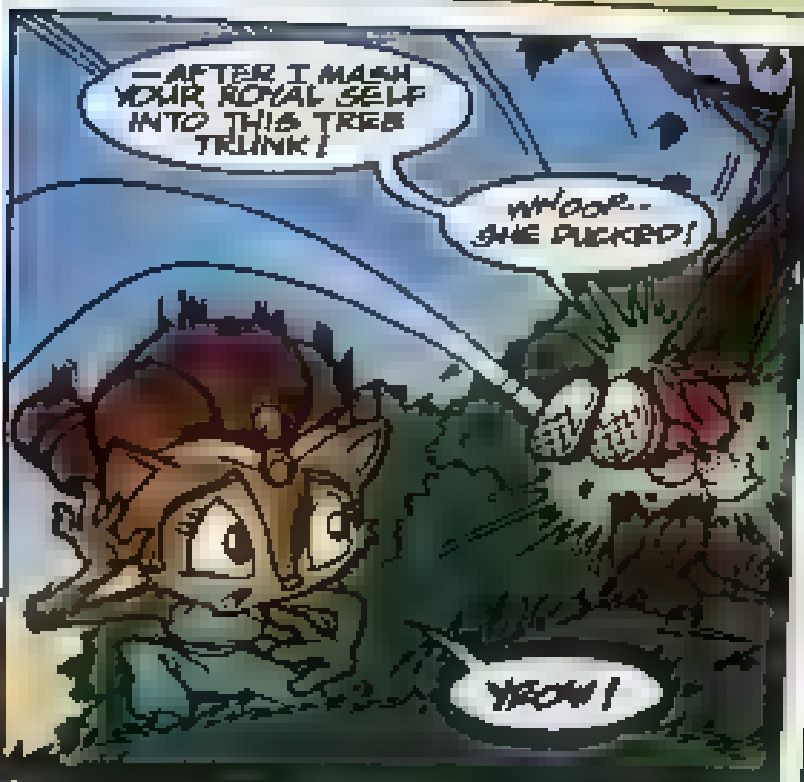
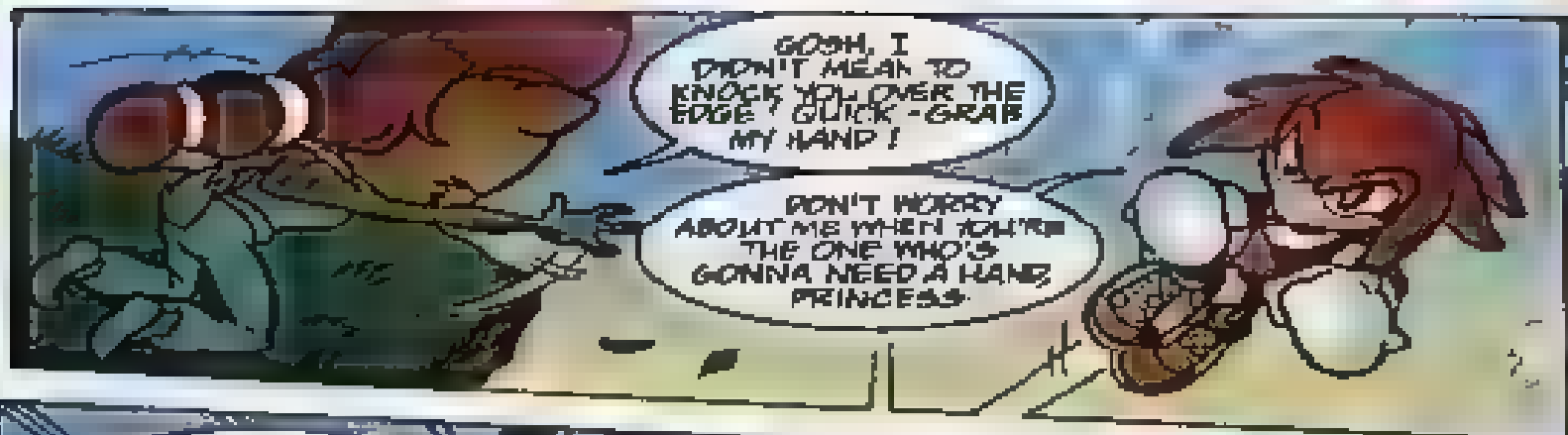
KEEP YOUR HANDS AND YOUR SHOTTY REMARKS ABOUT MY HOME TO YOURSELF!

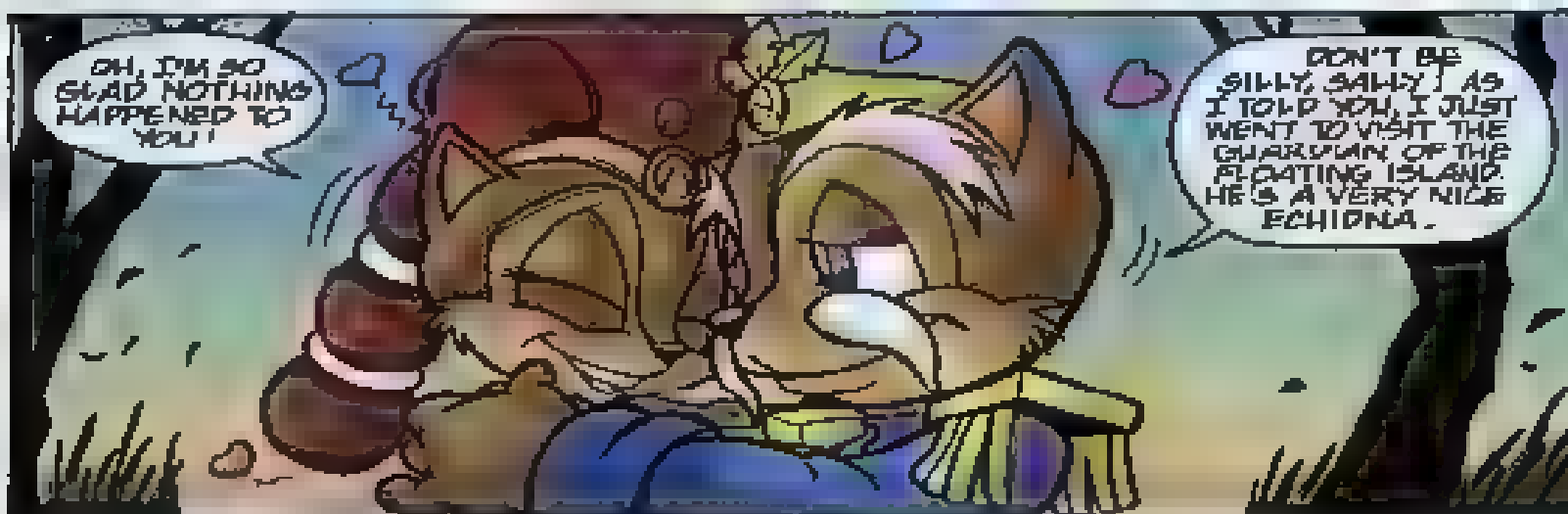
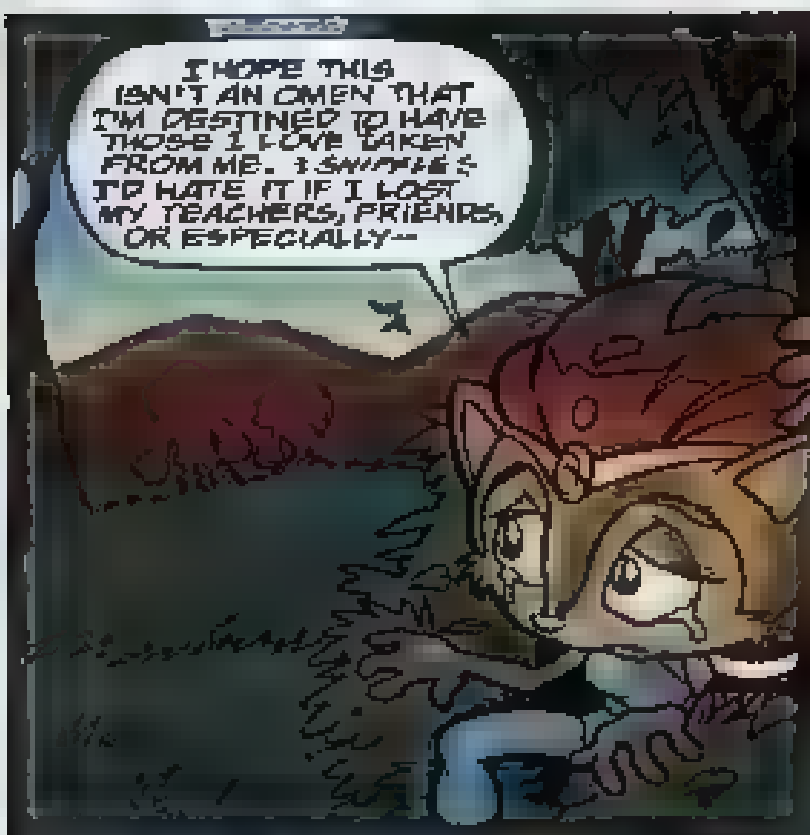
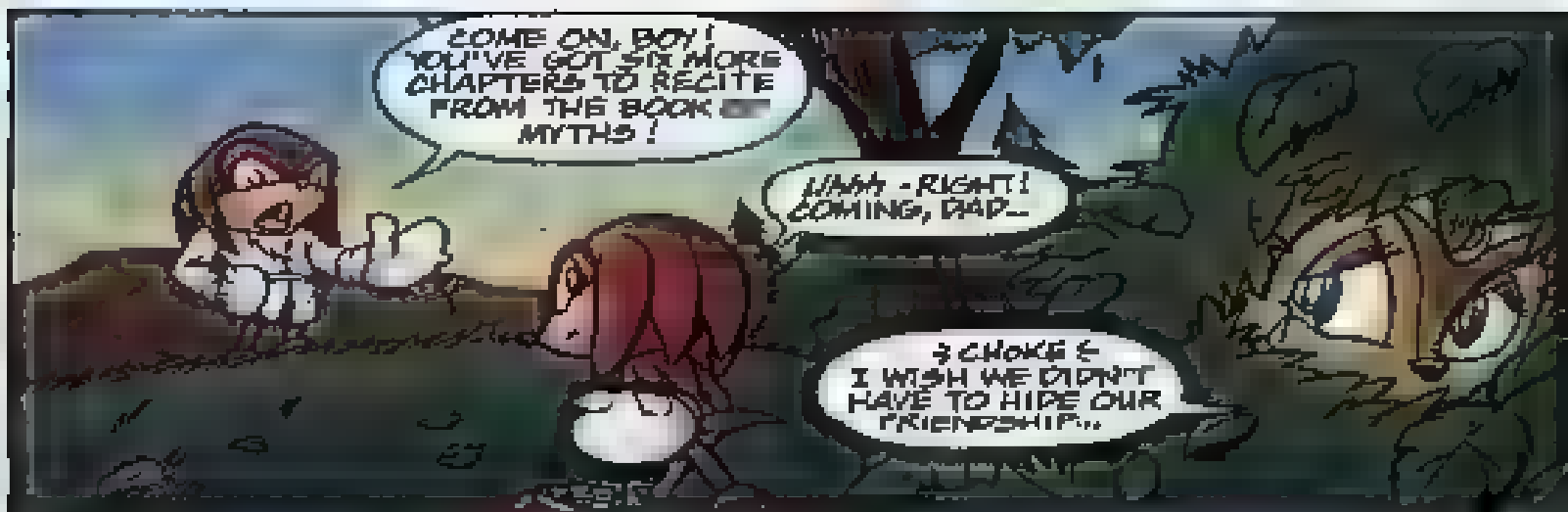
BOOF!
YOU JUST MADE A BIG MISTAKE, RED HOT SHOT!


MY MENTOR, JULAYLA, HAS TAUGHT ME A LOT OF THINGS— INCLUDING THIS "FLIP BACK KICK!"

BOON!
FLUMP!

5 YEARS FROM NOW, SALLY WILL USE THIS SAME MOVE ON KNUCK. DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN IT WAS, OR RATHER WHEN IT WILL BE I WRITE SOME GRAMS AND GET A SPECIAL MENTION ON AN UPDATING LETTERS PAGE!
—DIP ALL TEENS, ALL KNOWING FREDITOR

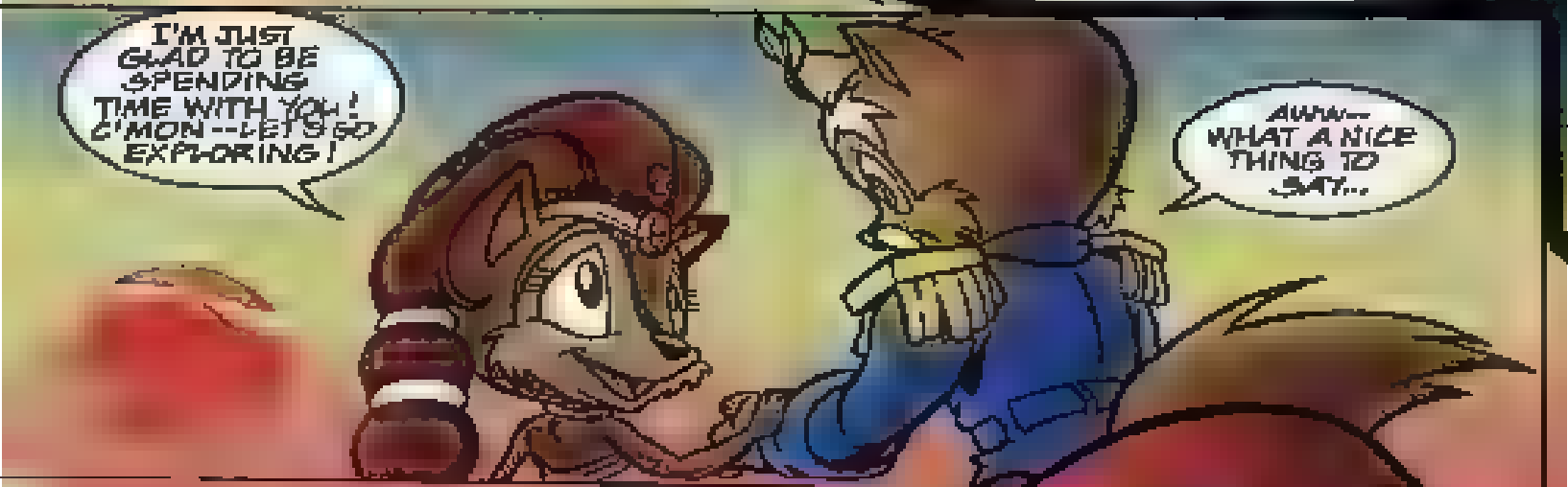






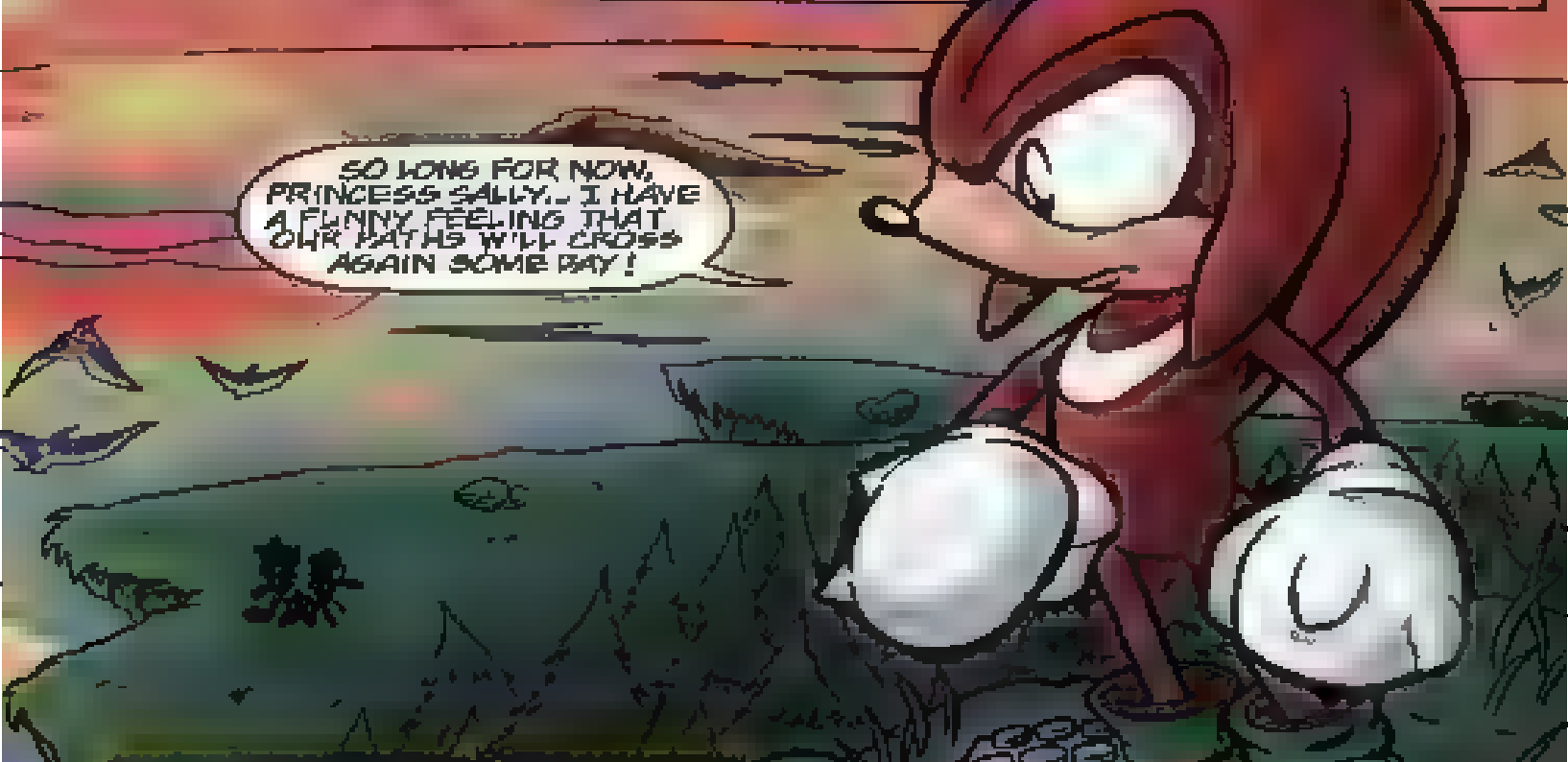
IN FACT, LOCKE MENTIONED
THAT HE HAD A SON ABOUT YOUR
AGE. I ASKED ABOUT HIM, BUT
THE BOY WASN'T AVAILABLE.

OH, THAT'S OKAY,
DADDY... I HAVE LOTS OF
FRIENDS BACK HOME... SONIC,
BOOMER, ANTOINE...



I'M JUST
GLAD TO BE
SPENDING
TIME WITH YOU!
C'MON--LET'S GO
EXPLORING!

AWWW...
WHAT A NICE
THING TO
SAY...



SO LONG FOR NOW,
PRINCESS SALLY... I HAVE
A FUNNY FEELING THAT
OUR PATHS WILL CROSS
AGAIN SOME DAY!



THE END...
and in many ways--
THE BEGINNING!!

SONIC KIDS

and

Eye of Destruction

GOT YOU NOW, SON C--

SHOOTED ME
BY A COUNTRY
AND WESTERN MILLS.
BOOMER!

LOOK OUT,
ANTOINE!

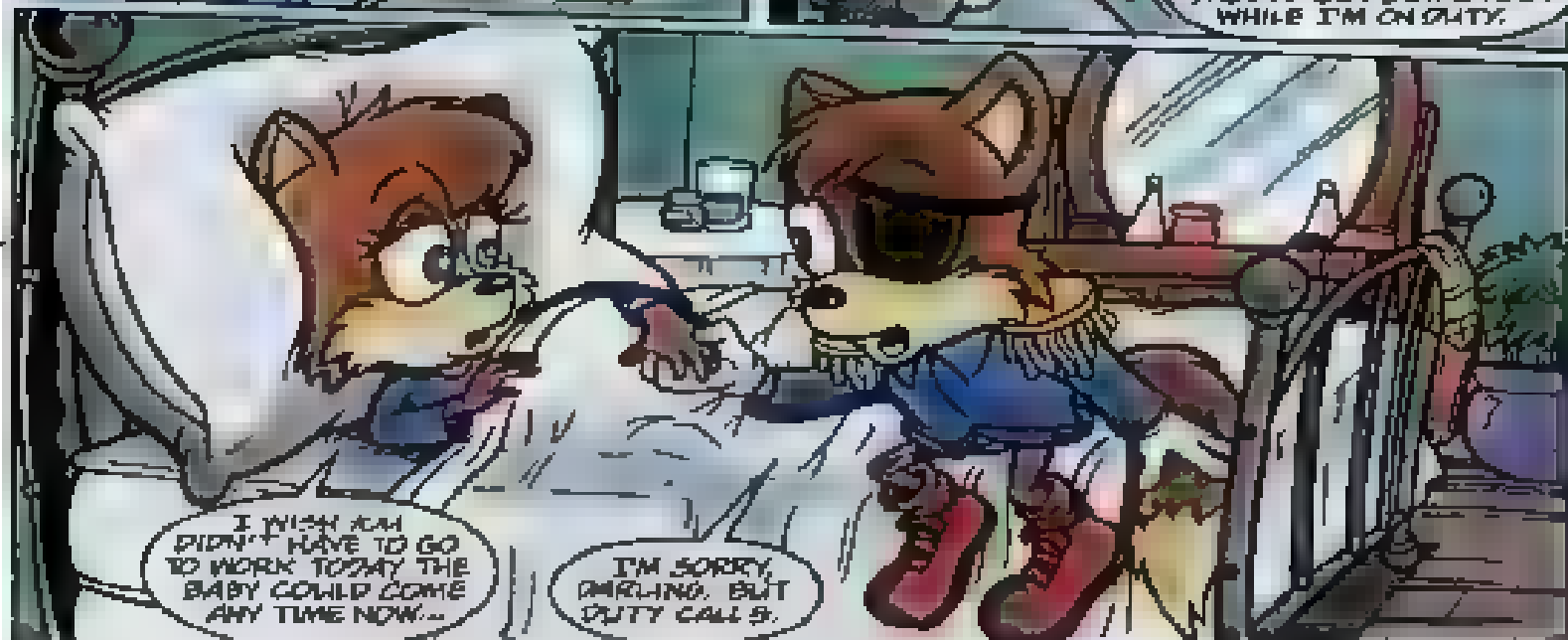
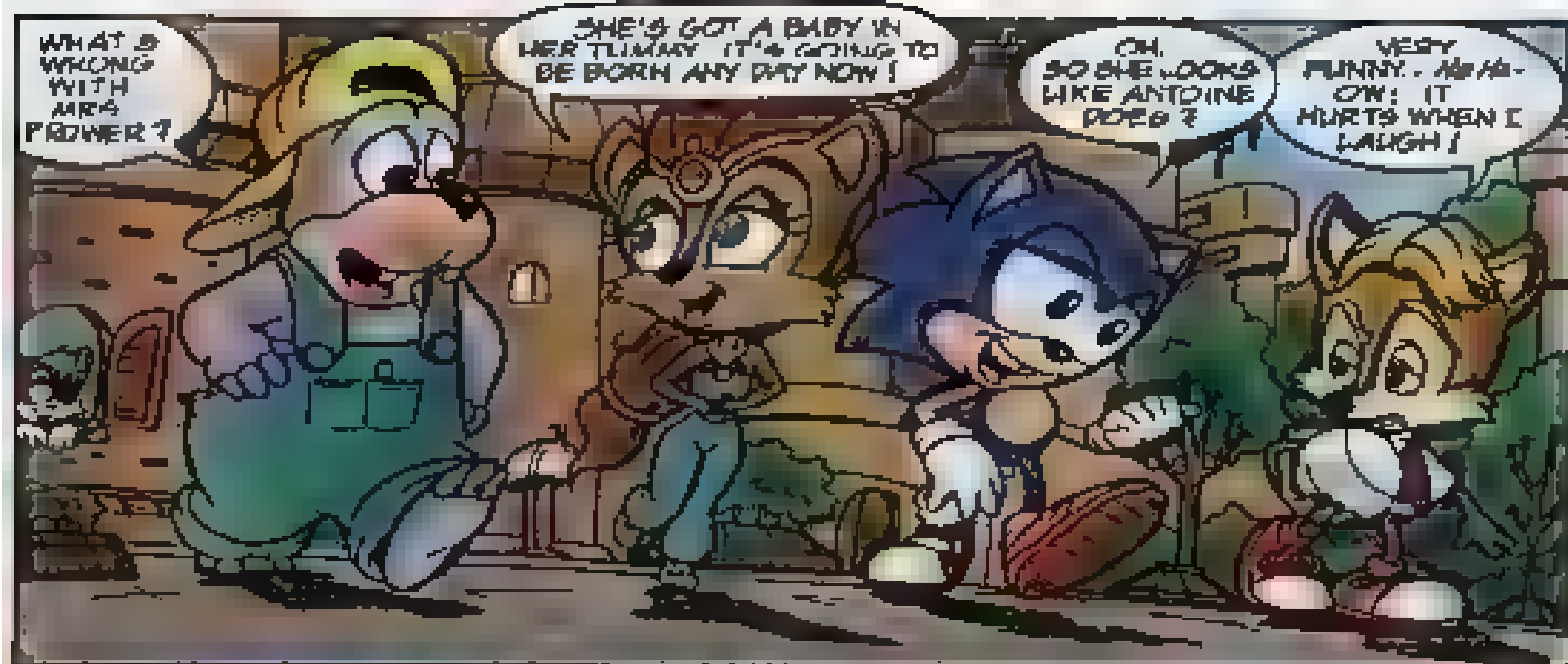
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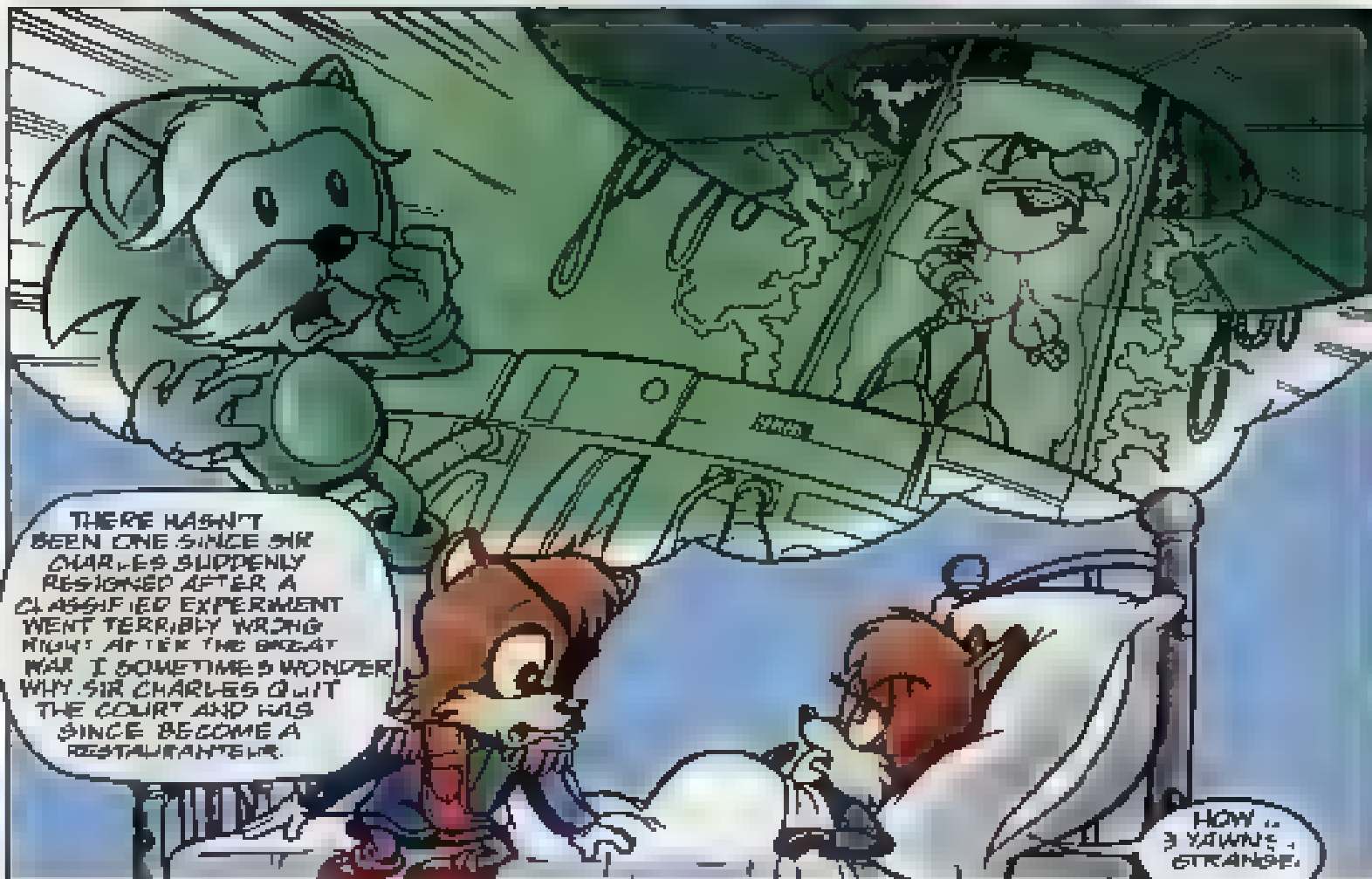
KIDS--SAYNAH COULD I
PLEASE ASK YOU TO TAKE YOUR
GAME SOMEPLACE ELSE?

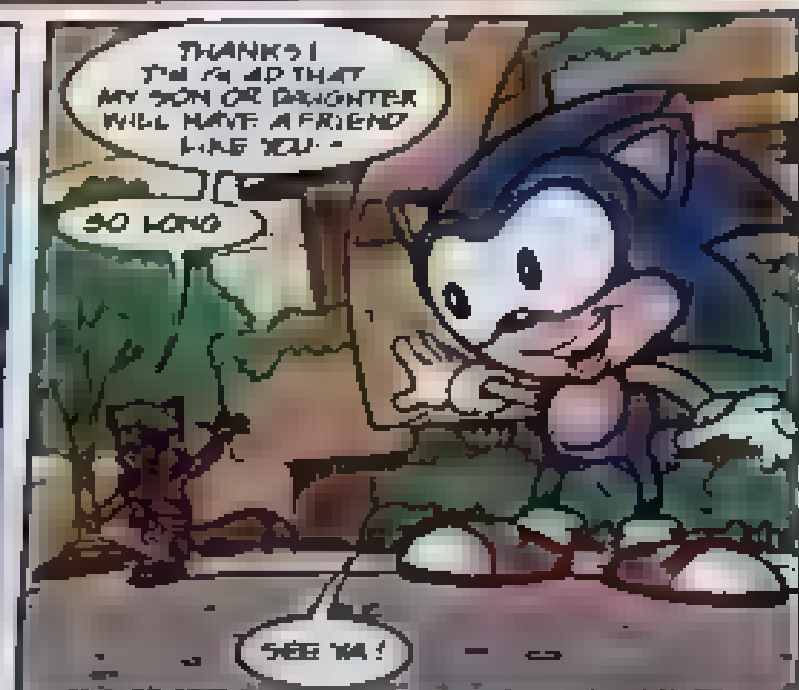
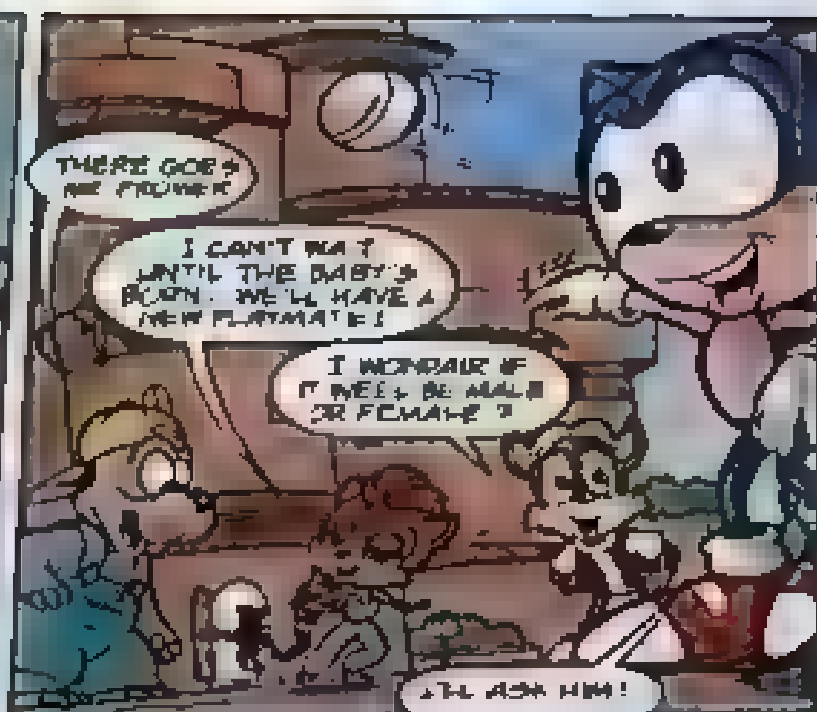
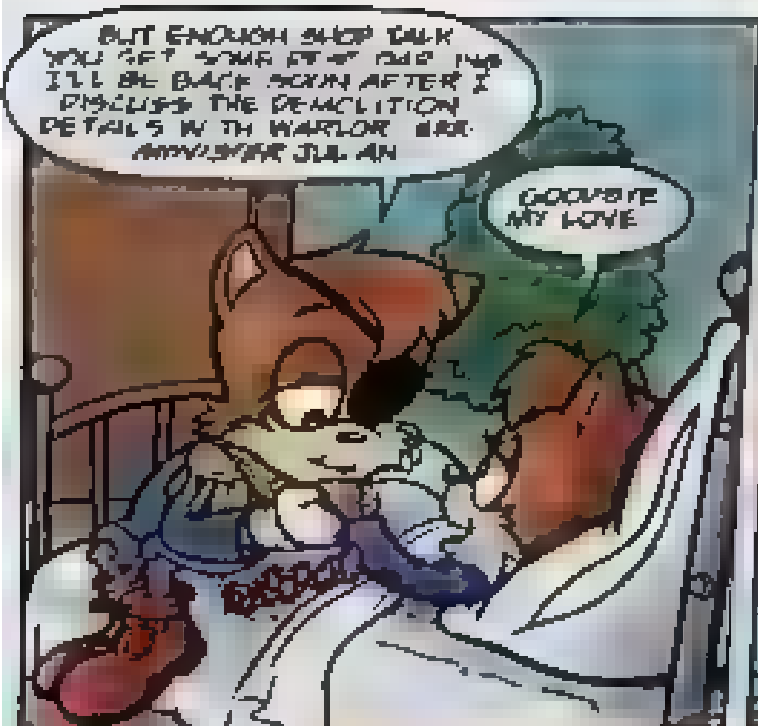
SURE,
MR. PROVER!

SORRY WE
FORGOT ABOUT YOUR
WIFE & CONDTION
C'MON, GUYS!

OOOOOOWWWW
MY BELLY.







MEANWHILE...

AT LAST, SNIVELY!
SIR CHARLES' LABORATORY IS
ALL MINE! OUR ARCHDUCHESS HAS
MADE THE BIGGEST - AND LAST
MISTAKE OF HIS REIGN BY
ASSIGNING ME TO DECOMMISSION
THIS PLACE!

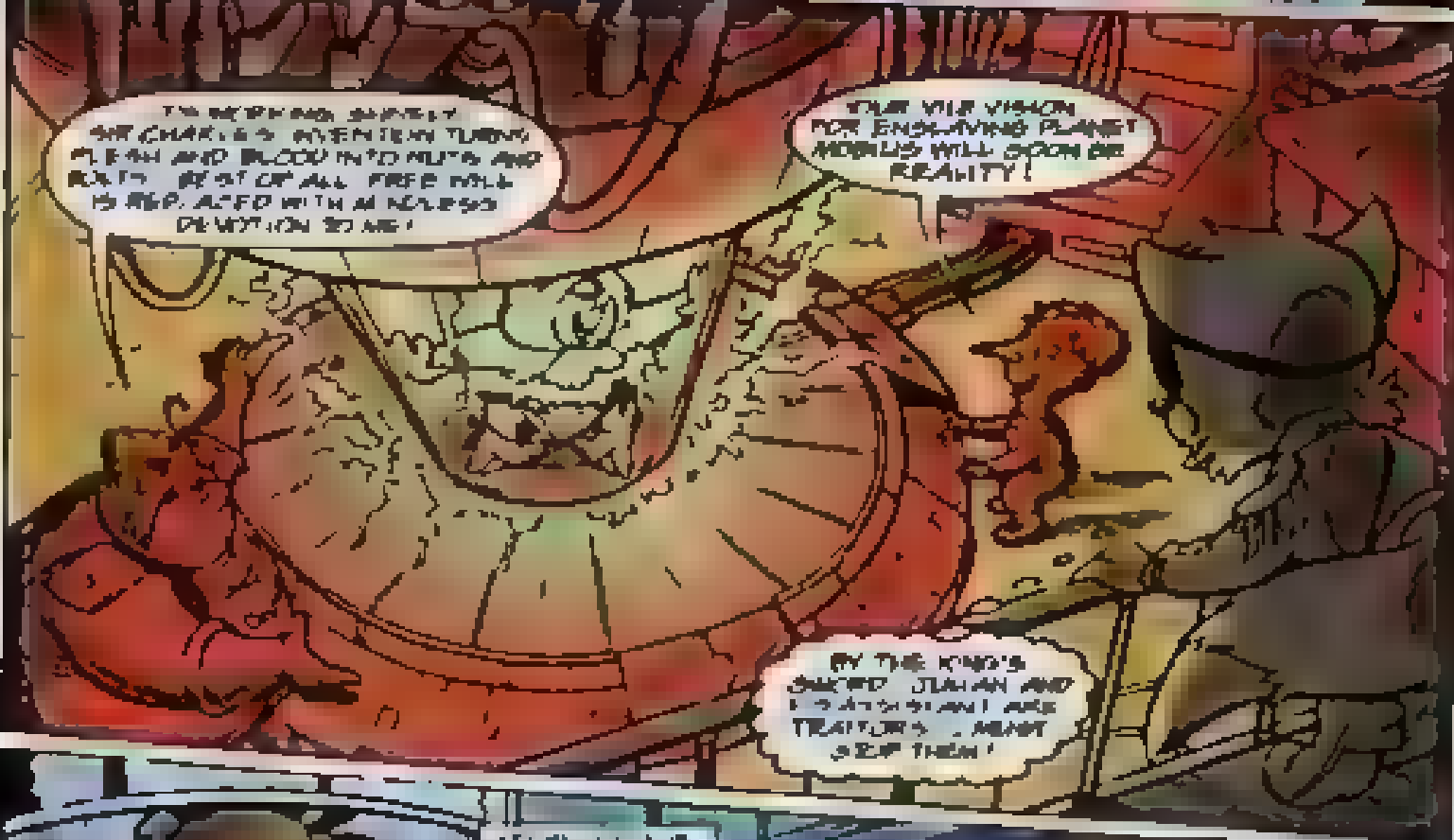
ARE YOU
GOING TO ELIMINATE
KING ACORN BALL,
UNCLE JULIAN?

NO, THAT WOULD
BE FAR TOO SIMPLE. INSTEAD,
I SHALL SENTENCE HIS MAJESTY
TO AN ETERNITY OF TORTUROUS
SOLITUDE INSIDE THE ZONE OF
SILENCE! AS I DID WITH
MARLORD KODGS.

BUT FIRST THINGS FIRST...
SIR CHARLES' MASTERPIECE -
THE ACROBATIC JIBB! HAVE
WE PRODUCED A VOLUNTEER,
SNIVELY?

RIGHT HERE,
OH OVAL ONE!

AT THAT MOMENT
DEFENDING THE LAW



JULIAN KINTOBOR OF THE HOUSE OF IVO, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST-- YOU TOO, SNIVELY KINTOBOR, AS FOR THAT HORRID CREATURE YOU JUST CREATED, HE'LL BE EXHIBIT A AT YOUR TREASON TRIAL!

I SINCERELY DOUBT THAT, COMMANDER PROWER... AND PLEASE-- CALL ME "DR IVO ROBOTNIK!!! "DR JULIAN KINTOBOR" JUST DOESN'T HAVE THAT RING OF TERROR I WANT IN MY NAME!

ZULP!

YOU SEE, I'VE BEEN PLANNING THIS MUTINY FOR A LONG TIME.

THIS MECHA-BEaver ISN'T THE FIRST MECHANICAL MINION I'VE CREATED.

I'M WARNING YOU, JULIAN.

--OR ROBOTNIK--OR WHATEVER! STAY STILL OR I'LL BE FORCED TO USE THIS OVERLANDER VIBRATOR!

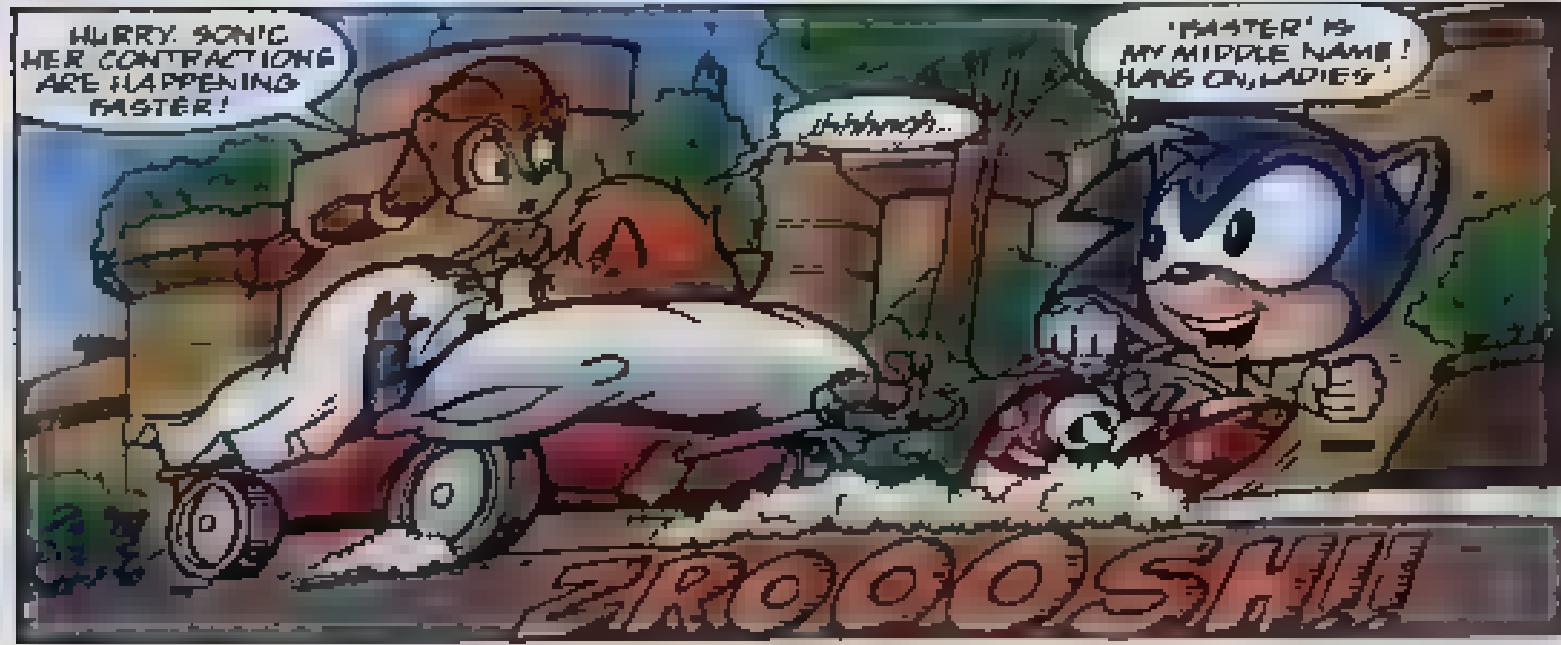
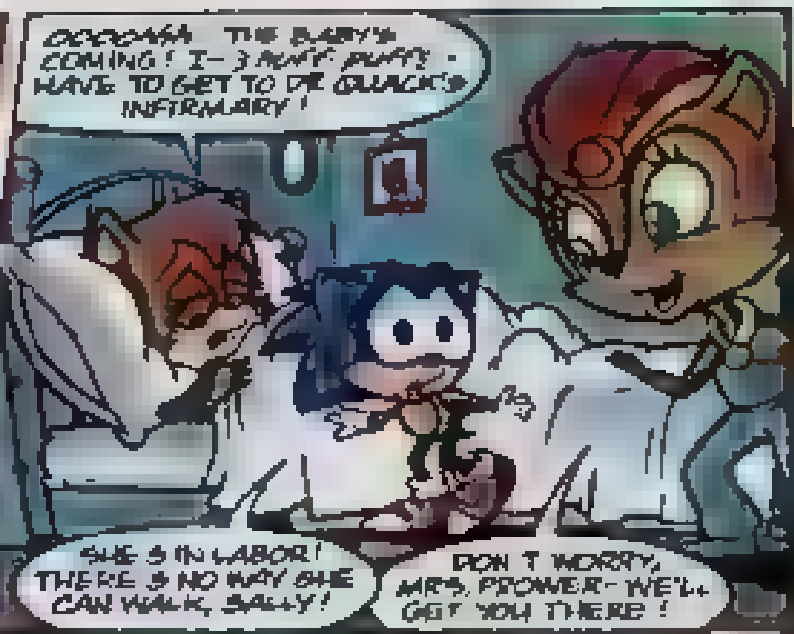
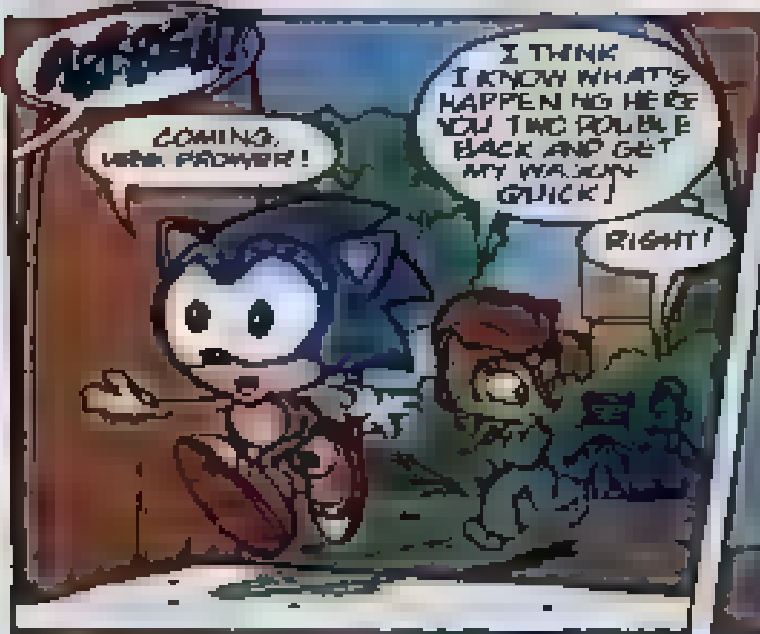
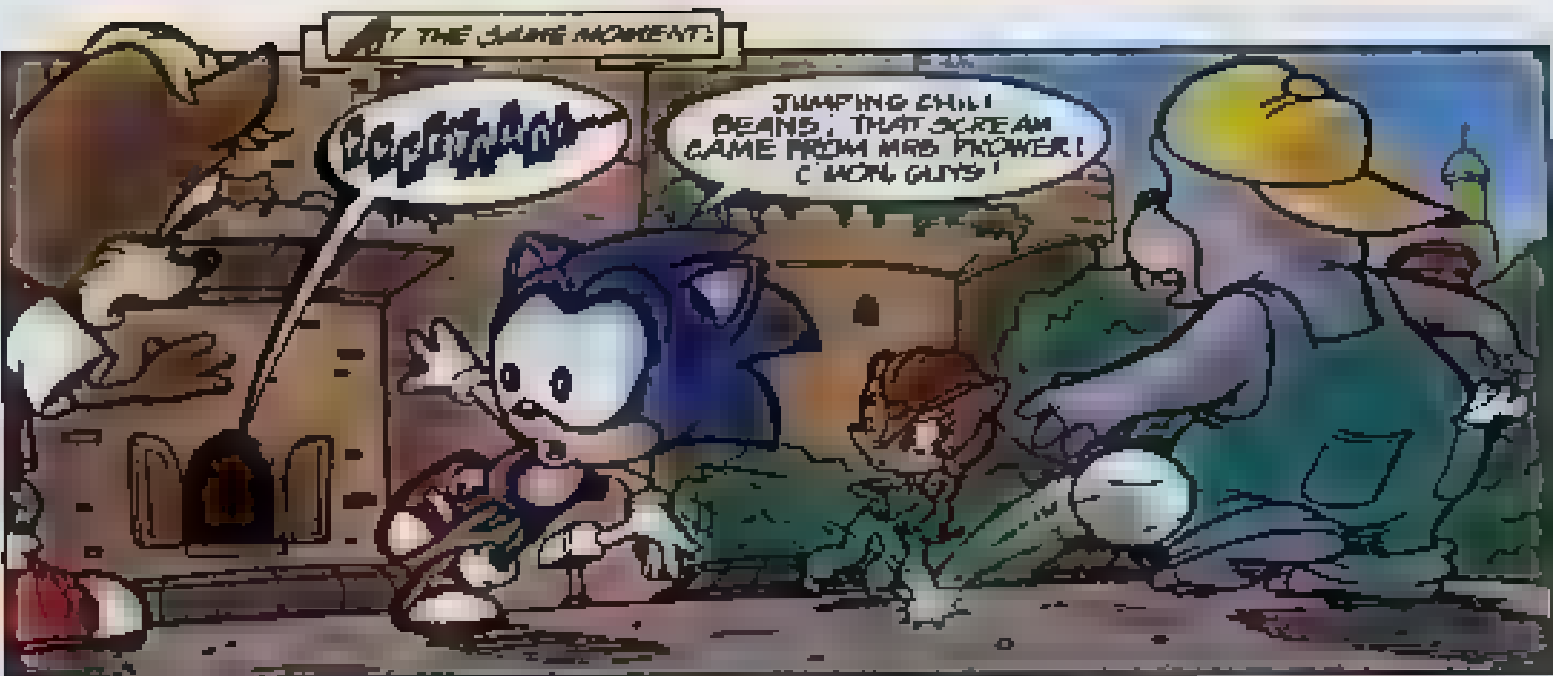
ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T COME UP WITH SIR CHARLES' CLEVER ROBOTICIZER, I HAVE PERFECTED A ROBO-PROTOTYPE OF ANOTHER KIND.

FOR THE LAST TIME--

I CALL IT A "SHATBOT!"

EEEEEAAA--

AT THE SAME MOMENT:



A SHORT WHILE LATER



YOU'RE DOING FINE, MRS. PRONER. YOU GOT HERE JUST IN TIME.

I NEVER WOULD HAVE MADE IT IF IT WASN'T FOR THE PRINCESS AND HER FRIENDS.

YES, I'M VERY PROUD OF YOU, CHILDREN!

THANKS DADDY!

LET ME SEE MY LATEST SUBJECT. HE-LO, LITTLE MILES! *How* HE HAS YOUR TAIL, ROSEMARY!

ACTUALLY HE HAS BOTH HIS PARENTS' TAILS!

SACRÉ-BLEU DÉJÀ!

A FILM BY FRÉDÉRIC LE BOYER ET DU GABRIEL



SPEAKING OF THE BOY'S FATHER, WHERE IS AMADEUS?

I CALLED THE LAB. MINISTER JULIAN SAID HE WAS HELPING THEM WITH A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT AND THEY'D BE HERE SOON.

HERE THEY COME!

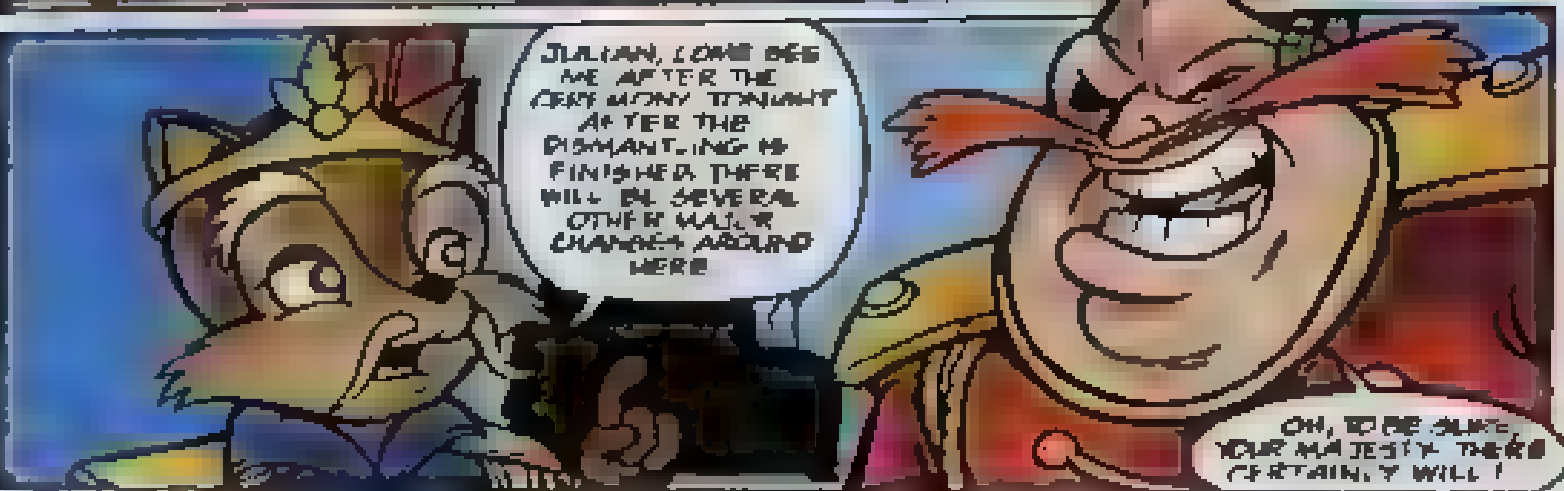


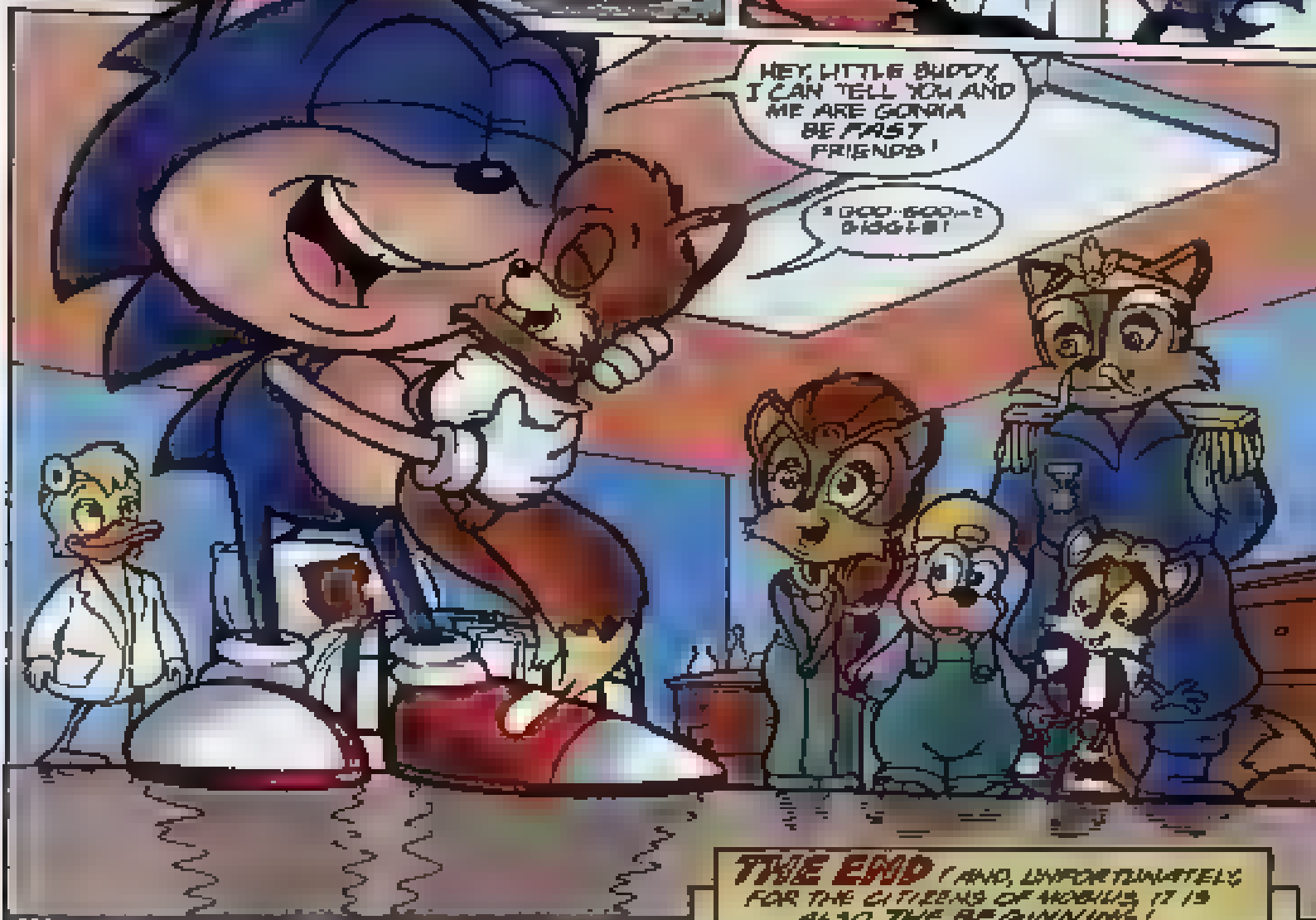
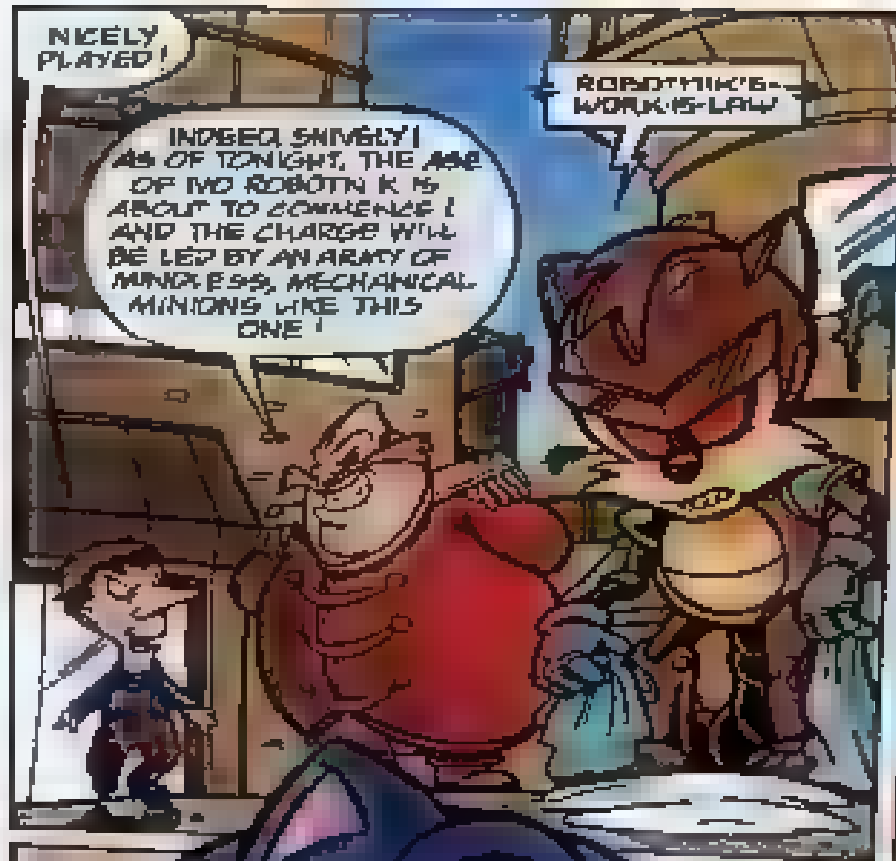
SORRY WE'RE LATE. COMMANDER PRONER WAS IN-ERR-A CONTAMINATED ROOM... BUT AS SOON AS WE HEARD WE RUSHED OVER HERE!

HE WANTS TO KEEP HIM STERILE SO THERE'S NO RISK TO THE BABY!

A WISE IDEA

COME SEE YOUR SON, DARLING!





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ON YET ANOTHER RESTLESS NIGHT, THE DETERMINED YOUNG MAN WANDERS INTO THE BLACKNESS OF NIGHT--

-- BUT IT'S SOMETHING MUCH STRANGER THAT CATCHES HIS EYE...

THAT STAR ABOVE ME-- I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING SO BRIGHT! IT'S MAGNETIC-- DRAWING ME FORWARD-- I MUST SEE WHERE IT LEADS ME!

LIKE A BOMBING UNDER AN ANTI-AROMATIC SPELL, STERLING IS DOWN TO AN IRON FOUNDRY WHERE HE DOES THE UNIMAGINABLE AND FIVES INTO THE FLAMING!

"I CAN'T BELIEVE I DID THIS... AND YET, I'M STILL HERE TO TALK ABOUT IT! I SHOULD BE DEAD..."

-- BUT STRANGELY, I FEEL PROTECTED, AS IF BY SOME INVISIBLE FORCE FIELD!

AGAIN! LET ME GO, MAN-- YOUR GRIP IS LIKE STEEL!

THE NEXT DAY, STEEL AWAKENS IN HIS BED, CERTAIN HE WAS ONLY DREAMING. BUT WHEN SOME CROOKS TRY TO ROB HIM IN THE BAD PART OF TOWN...

THE BULLETS-- THEY JUST BOUNCE OFF OF HIM!

STEEL, HUH? THEN IT WASN'T A DREAM-- MY SKIN'S BECOME TEMPERED LIKE STEEL IN A FORGE-- PRACTICALLY INVINCIBLE!

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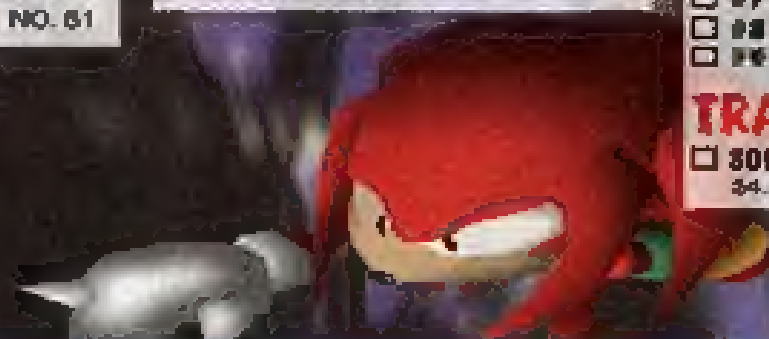
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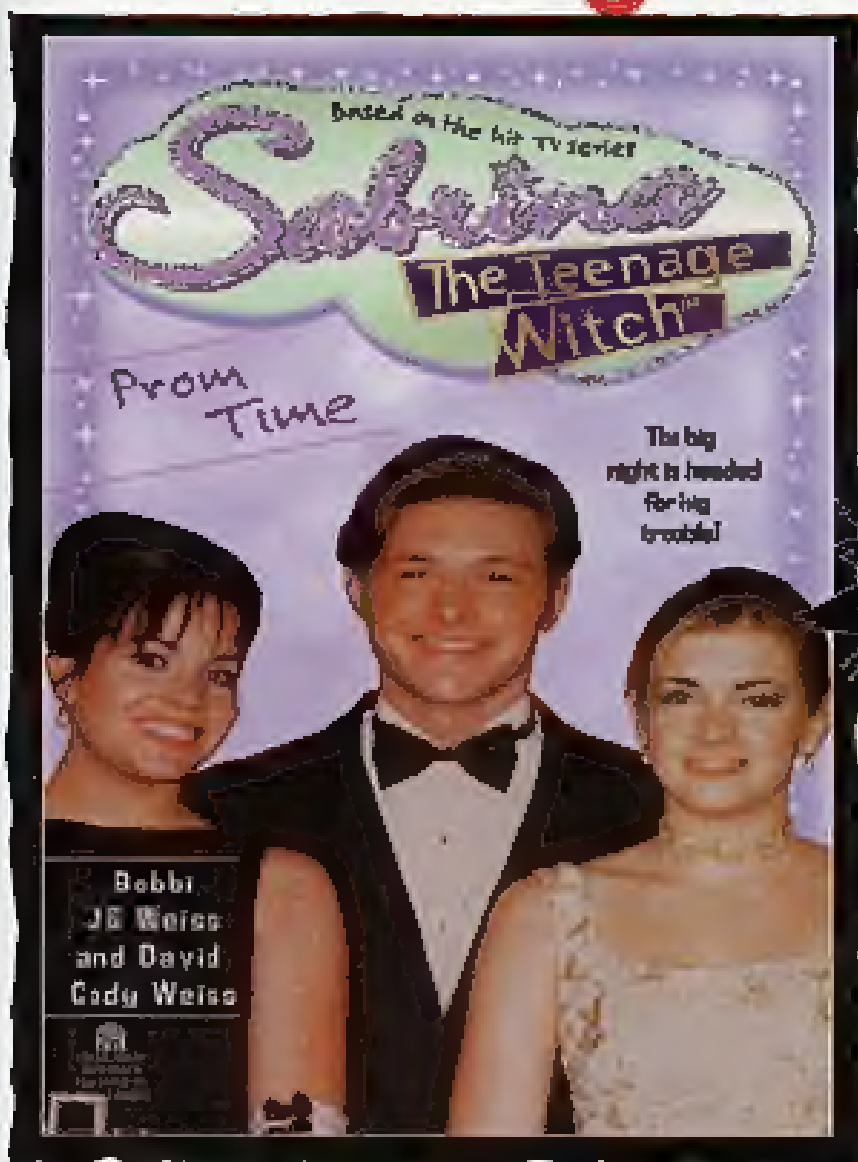
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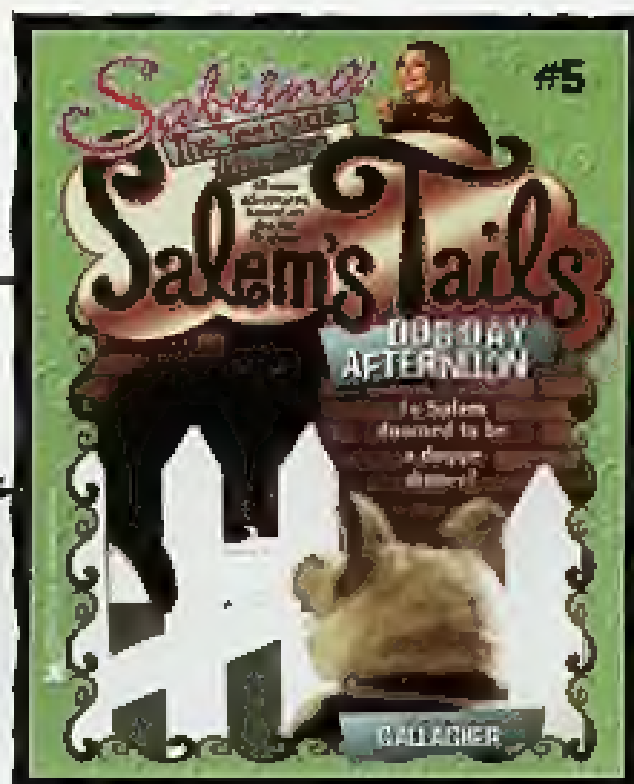
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